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Dream together

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After three days of fog and rain, the sun began to shine as Dr. Charles H.F. Davis gave the keynote address at the Fourth Annual Symposium for Inclusive Excellence at Lebanon Valley College.

According to the College's website, the purpose of the symposium, held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, was to encourage "students and staff to learn, grow, and commit as a campus to comprehensive and continuing engagement with [LVC's] diverse community."

Keynote speaker Dr. Charles H.F. Davis is currently the director of higher education research and initiatives at the University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education. Davis travels around the nation studying and addressing campuses about social issues and student movements. The opening address was attended by an estimated 1,000 students; Davis discussed issues

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Racial incident investigated off-campus



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No charges were filed against Just Wing It founder Chris Behney after police say he used a racial slur against LVC student Ricky Bugg, Jr. According to Bugg, a junior business administration major, at about 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22, he entered the establishment intending to order wings as he had done regularly, nearly three times a week, since attending Lebanon Valley College.

Bugg placed his order and waited at the counter with a friend. It was then that the owner approached them. "A guy came out with a beer in one hand and a stack of money in the other hand and called me a n—ger," Bugg said. Bugg admits that he initially laughed at the incident, thinking the man was making some kind of joke but Bugg intended to leave the restaurant and to eat elsewhere. Bugg told La Vie the racial slur was uttered twice.

"We exchanged some words and I flipped some chairs and left," Bugg said. "I left and went to Friendship House. There were seven of us total that went back looking for an apology. The cops were there when we got back." Behney contacted Annville Police who responded to his report of a disturbance at the restaurant. Bugg was interviewed by police at that time. He

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Human library

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Lebanon Valley College held its Fourth Annual Symposium on Inclusive Excellence on Jan. 24, hosting a number of speakers and inviting open dialogue to unify the LVC community against prejudices commonly seen in today's society.

Throughout the day, a number of workshops and open dialogues took place following the headlining speaker, all celebrating the beauty of diversity and how it strengthens society as a whole. Of these sessions, the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library hosted its own "human library," where students and faculty were able to sit and converse with a variety of people from all walks of life.

"Everyone has a story to tell," Javon Nelson, a junior double major in art and business administration, said. Nelson chose to go to this event because he was interested in hearing what those who vol-

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LVC students march

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"Welcome to your first day; we will not go away," protesters chanted while marching side by side in the nation's capital to oppose President Donald Trump's proposed policies and rhetoric.

A sea of pink hats and plenty of signs filled the original march route past capacity on Saturday, Jan. 21. Thirty LVC students attended the march in solidarity against the new administration in the White House. The purpose of the march and rally



Photo by Brianna Metsger

was to unify people to stand together to defend the rights of all marginalized humans. The Women's March on

Washington now holds the title of the largest protest in American history. Professional crowd scientists have esti-

mated that the official march in Washington, D.C., and its sister marches around the world attracted nearly two

million people. The march in D.C. alone consisted of more than 500,000 participants, an estimated three times more people than at the inauguration the day before.

It is unclear whether the march was a protest or a simple demonstration; however, the mission and vision of the march, which is posted on the march's official website, suggests, "the Women's March on Washington will send a bold message to our new government on their first day in office,

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said police told him this type of behavior happens a lot with him, in reference to Behney. Annville Police investigated the case for a week. Police Chief Bernard Dugan said that according to Pennsylvania code, utterances of racial slurs do not constitute a crime unless another punishable crime simultaneously occurred. Following review of the case with District Attorney Dave Arnold, Dugan said that no criminal charges will be filed against Behney due to the lack of evidence supporting the in-

cident as refusal of service. Chief Dugan reiterated that this incident is not indicative of Annville or the LVC community. "The campus has been really supportive of me," Bugg said. "I want justice. I would never go back." Bugg said nothing like this has ever happened to him in Annville and doesn't believe the actions of one represent the community at large, nor the values of the College. "Lebanon Valley College remains committed to our core values of inclusive-

ness, equality, and kindness," Bob Mikus, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, said. "As evidenced during our recent Symposium on Inclusive Excellence, we will continue to reinforce and affirm those values." Police encourage witnesses to come forward with any additional information. The case is closed at this time. Just Wing It was closed for several days, but has since reopened. The owners have not returned our calls for comment.

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Students protest



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Students and community members came to support Ricky Bugg, Sr. and the Dare 2 Care to Heal Racism Foundation in their goal to bring peace and love to Annville. This movement was in response to a racial incident involving Ricky Bugg, Jr., a junior business administration major. Bugg, Sr. spoke outside of Miller Chapel Tuesday, Feb. 7 about the movement and its importance. He also stressed the protest would be peaceful. "There is so much that can be accomplished through love and hope," Bugg, Sr.

said. "Those who want to take another route, God bless them, but that's not what I want to do. That's not what our movement is about." Bugg, Sr. also said racism is not something we should have to deal with in 2017, but the racial incident and derogatory comments made toward the peaceful protest give reason to believe racism is still an issue. As the march came to a stop on the corner of U.S. Route 422 and PA Route 934, marchers held signs encouraging love over hate, and Bugg, Sr. spoke about his experiences with racism. "This isn't something that just happened overnight," Bugg, Sr. said. "It's a process. It's okay if you deal with some racist feelings. Honesty is so important. I admire the person who can say, 'yes, I struggle with hate. Can we talk about it?'" Though some drivers rolled down their windows to shout disparaging comments, the movement still stood with peace, respect and love.

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Sanctuary campus

Creating a Sanctuary Campus at Lebanon Valley College

Dear President Thayne and Board of Trustees,

A recent Executive Order signed by President Donald Trump effectively prevents refugees from entering the United States for 120 days, indeterminately bans Syrian refugees, and prevents travel to and from seven Muslim-majority countries—namely Iraq, Iran, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Libya and Somalia—for 90 days. We, faculty, staff, alumni and students, are requesting that Lebanon Valley College be declared a sanctuary campus for undocumented immigrants who are a part of our campus and local community.

By definition, sanctuary campuses implement policies to protect students who are undocumented immigrants from legal and discriminatory implications. Undocumented persons are inherently unsafe in this country and will never be able to obtain complete sanctuary; however, we should strive to create a more welcoming and inclusive environment within our community.

Photo by Maria Scacchitti

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More than 30 LVC students have put together a petition to make the College a sanctuary campus. By definition, making the College a sanctuary campus would protect its undocumented students from legal actions and other acts of discrimination. Junior sociology major Tamara Baldwin and senior biology major Vidya Lala were major contributors to the petition's formation. "If I don't use my voice to help those who are forced to remain voiceless, then I have

wasted the power that I have been given," Lala said. "I want to ensure that [immigrant students] will be protected so they can take advantage of the incredible educational system [LVC] has in place." Baldwin and Lala plan to present the document to the Board of Trustees Friday. The petition is available on a GoogleDoc and on Facebook. Pres. Lewis E. Thayne, Ph.D. said Thursday he, along with the board, are not in favor of declaring LVC a sanctuary campus. His response is online at www2.lvc.edu/lavie.

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and to the world that women's rights are human rights." LaElla Dickerson, a sophomore criminal justice major, marched because she feels that things have gotten out of control. "This [march] was to show that you can't [take away our rights]," Dickerson said. "That's not okay. We're not going down without a fight. You can try to ignore us, but we are the American people and you can't ignore us." Tamara Baldwin, a junior sociology major, believes this march was not just a moment but a budding feminist movement with the goal of equality. "We were not in unison all standing for one cause, but I do think that it's extremely important to note that the march probably would not have happened if Donald Trump was not the president and he hadn't posed a threat of taking away rights," Baldwin said. "My favorite thing [about the march] was the attempt at being so inclusive. We usually forget about women of color; we forget about these

women that don't fit the feminine stereotype. I think we're nearing a place where more voices are being heard." Baldwin is also president of the Black Student Union, president of Feminist Collective and the Women's Services and Gender Resource Center house leader. She encourages anyone who feels alone to reach out to someone to be a support network. For more information on how to get involved in activism or have your voice heard, please email Tamara at tmb004@lvc.edu. The official Women's March website encourages people to stay active and updated on the political status of America. A new campaign has been launched to encourage people to take action on important issues facing our country. To get involved in this campaign, please visit womensmarch.com. "This wasn't just a moment; this is a movement," Baldwin said. "This isn't the end; there is much more."

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AccessLVC will impact registration process

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With the numerous changes in the academic programs, Lebanon Valley College will be releasing a new version of AccessLVC in the next few weeks that will change this upcoming semester's registration process.

In the past, students have registered for classes one semester at a time. This year, students will register for both the fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters on a new user-friendly version of AccessLVC.

The Assistant Dean and Registrar Jeremy Maisto explains that the new registration process was sparked by the new general education program, Constellation LVC.

"We talked about a lot of different options," Maisto said. "Each option had its challenges and this one does as well, but we thought this option was the best because students could fully map out a schedule for the year."

This is the first year that Constellation LVC has taken place, and it has affected how the current freshmen class registers for general education classes. The upperclassmen will continue to follow the old general education track.

Next year, a new program within Constellation LVC will take place called Connective Experience. Students will

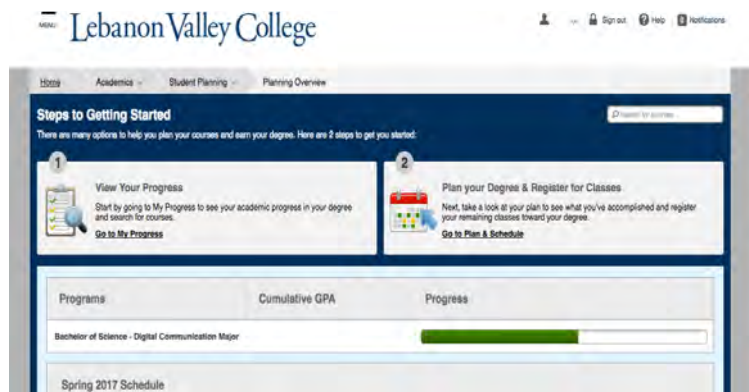


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take three 3-credit courses plus one 1-credit course (for a total of 10-credits). Students are required to take all four courses in the same academic year as a sophomore or junior.

"The new curriculum is very integrated," Maisto said. "The challenge we realized from a registration perspective is if we kept the old model when students are registering in the fall, they might run into problems in the spring."

The new AccessLVC also offers the ability to plan courses for the future. Essentially, there will be a "planning" feature and a "register" feature. This will allow students to plan their classes as far ahead as they desire. This can help students who want to study abroad or plan out when courses are offered during their time here at LVC.

"I'm hopeful people will appreciate being able to plan out the entire year," Maisto said.

Additionally, the degree audit will be much more simplified

with checkmarks and colors to make reading it much easier. There will also be a feature where students can send comments to their adviser within the degree audit.

The MBA students used the new version of AccessLVC in November to try out the new registration process. Maisto describes the MBA registration as a success, and it has had positive feedback so far.

"The new AccessLVC is very clean, modern and contemporary," Nicole Berkheimer, MBA student, said. "The usability is seamless, and it's nice that there is an opportunity to plan ahead within the system."

Students should be on the look-out for emails over the next couple of weeks explaining how the new AccessLVC will work along with a series of tutorial videos. Registration for both the fall and spring semester will take place March 30 - April 6.

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unteered had to say, since this type of dialogue is not typically shared on a daily basis.

"I wanted to see someone else's story, how they look at things through their eyes," Nelson said.

The volunteers in the event had various life experiences to share; the catalog varied from selected students on campus to a sexual assault survivor. This variety allowed students to listen and discuss different day-to-day struggles they have faced.

Vidya Lala, a senior biology major, was one of the students who volunteered to be "checked-out" for the afternoon. Lala comes from what she described as a "tri-cultural" background, as she recognizes herself as Hindu, Indian and South African.

"I feel like a lot of people know me for different titles here at

LVC, but possibly don't know me as an individual," Lala said.

She said that she enjoyed taking part in the human library because it not only allowed her to share her story, but she also learned a lot about others in the event.

"It kind of makes you take away the stereotype; then at the end of the day [you] realize that this is a person with unique experiences," Lala said.

More than 1,000 students, faculty and members of the staff in the LVC community participated in the symposium activities. Over the course of the day's events, the college as a whole actively engaged and celebrated the diversity of our community in a positive manner.

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Green Dot training

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Lebanon Valley College is a relatively safe campus and Green Dot plays a hand in the safety of the students.

On Feb. 5, 2017, LVC held its final Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training for the 2016-17 academic year. This session hosted 20 LVC students who were eager to learn what it takes to be a Green Dot Bystander.

Melissa Sherwood, Human Resources Coordinator, believes that Green Dot is a program that can really change campus-based violence.

"I'm really optimistic about Green Dot and its abilities to change the way we see campus violence and vi-

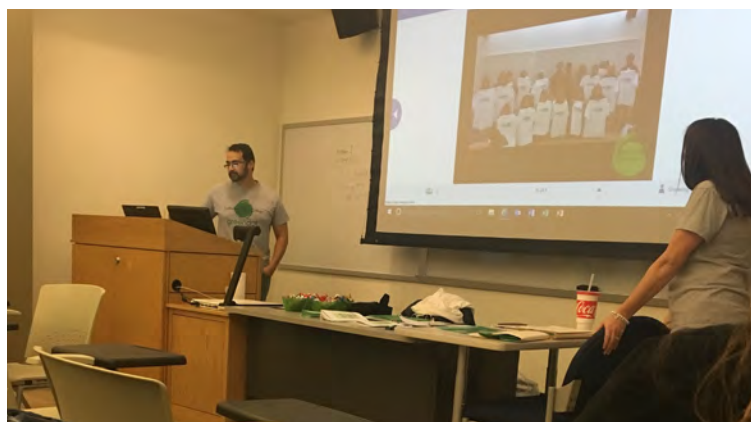


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olence anywhere, really," Sherwood said. "It's important that we get as many students as possible to become Green Dot Bystanders."

The trainings are four hours long and include four different modules that go in depth about being an active bystander.

"We show a picture of the campus with red dots, which are acts of violence, and we want all of those red dots to be covered with green dots, who are the ones being trained," Sherwood said. "In fact, we want more green dots on the map than

anything else, and we are working towards that goal."

During this training, students anonymously share stories that have affected them or someone they know. This gives students the opportunity to fully understand how Green Dot Intervention could have been helpful in these situations.

Roberto Marti, Assistant Director of Admission, is an advocate for the Green Dot program. "The only way a college campus can really change is if enough people get involved," Marti said. "The only way less people will get hurt is if we get the people in our lives to each add their own green dots to the map."



Graphic courtesy of LVC Green Dot

Each student walks away from this experience as a certified Green Dot Bystander. They are awarded with a t-shirt and a certificate upon completion of training.

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Students develop project to help kids with autism

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At LVC, students can expect to learn beyond the classroom.

For some physical therapy and early childhood education majors, this means taking the skills they've gained and putting them to real-world use. These students, in collaboration with a local gym, developed a rock climbing program for adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Later this month, their findings will be on display at a national conference in Texas.

ASD is a developmental disorder that can affect one's socialization skills, causing communication and behavioral-related difficulties. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 68 children is diagnosed with a form of ASD.

When some physical therapy students learned that adolescents with this disorder are often underserved when it comes to physical activity in a social space,



Photo at Climbnasium

they decided to take action.

"Through our research, we discovered that as individuals with ASD age, they become more sedentary and are afforded fewer opportunities in the community domain," Adam Fuehrer, a 6th year physical therapy major, said. "By creating the rock climbing program, we provided a unique experience for this group to socialize with their peers, while also getting the added benefit of exercise."

Working with Mike Decavalcante, an adapted climbing instructor at Climbnasium in

Mechanicsburg, along with Dr. Kathryn Oriel, an LVC physical therapy professor, students were able to see the positive impact that exercise can have on kids with ASD. Their research sets a precedent for how ASD might be treated in the future.

"We saw multiple adolescents who came to the activity very quiet and reserved, but once they began climbing and gained self-assurance, their whole demeanor changed," Katelyn Stoltz, a senior physical therapy major, said. "They began to talk

while climbing, planning out the next level of climbing difficulty that they wanted to complete, and gaining overall confidence in this new skill."

Not only did the project see success, but it also had a positive impact on the students who helped make it happen. Combining education with immersive experiences helps better prepare students for life after graduation, but the fact that the project sought to help the greater good added another element to the positive outcome.

"I would have to say my favorite and most rewarding part of this project was seeing the look of achievement on the faces of the participants after they climbed to the top of the rock wall," Fuehrer said. "There was one individual who was very shy and kept himself secluded from everyone. When he began climbing, he was a whole new person, laughing and even telling us jokes. These outcomes made the

whole project worthwhile."

The collaboration between the physical therapy and early childhood education students was a perfect match for the project—the education majors have an understanding of ASD and how to best encourage adolescents, while physical therapy majors bring their knowledge of physical movement, activity level based on heart rate and climbing tips to the table.

"Together with the education students, we were able to problem-solve better and interact with the adolescents to the fullest extent," Stoltz said.

The findings from the project will be presented at the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) Physical Therapy Education Conference in February. Seniors Danny Willey and Kayla Klumpp will attend the conference and represent the group as they present their research findings.

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Third-generation legacy

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One student has continued a long-standing family tradition of attending Lebanon Valley College.

Andy Fisher, a senior business administration major, is the third generation in his family to attend LVC. Both his parents and paternal grandparents graduated from the Valley.

Fisher's parents graduated in 1978. His dad was a physics major and his mom studied sociology. Fisher's grandparents graduated in the early 1950s. His grandfather was a religion major and his grandmother was a music education major.

Fisher originally came to the Valley as a secondary education history major.

"I knew LVC was a good place for secondary education majors," Fisher said. "I'd actually had some student teachers in high school who had been from LVC."

He decided to change his major from secondary education history to business administration because he realized he did not want to



Photo by Hayley Holloway

work with kids after completing observations at local schools. Fisher does not believe his experience as a legacy student is very different from that of other students.

"I guess it's just familiarity with the place that I had before I got here," Fisher said. "Just being so close to LVC and being able to come up here for things, it let me know about the campus long before I ever decided to come here."

Fisher's parents are still involved with the College. They donate to LVC and serve on a parents' council, where they contact other LVC parents to try and get them more involved with the College. They

also come to campus for sporting events and concerts.

Fisher is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity on campus. His roommate Patrick Maxwell is also a member of APO. They met their freshman year.

"He's really thoughtful and really funny," Maxwell, a senior international business, economics and global studies major, said. "And he's an old man. That's how I would describe him."

Fisher will graduate in May. He plans to enter the workforce and get a dog.

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Saturday getaway bus trips

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Lebanon Valley College's Student Programming Board is once again providing a series of fun and exciting off-campus trips.

Annville is within driving distance of several major attractions and events, but for some students driving is not an option because of costs or lack of transportation. To help the students of LVC, the Student Programming Board, for the past 15 years, has planned a bus trip every Saturday throughout the semester as a way to provide students with a ride to these attractions and events.

Jennifer Evans, director of Student Activities, explains the purpose of providing these trips for the students.

"[The trips] provide students with a way to get to know places in the area and to get off campus for some fun," Evans said. "It offers students an alternative activity."

The bus trips are available to any full-time student at the College. As far as the cost, they are usually free unless the event is expensive. The Student Programming Board

will then ask the student to cover a small portion of the cost.

Feedback from the students has been positive.

"I have gone on multiple bus trips and they are actually really fun and they are a great way to try something new," Julia Gober, junior business major, said. "I went on the ski trip and I got to try skiing without paying a huge amount of money."

While most of the trip suggestions come from the Student Programming Board, students and staff members can submit their suggestions, as well.

The next bus trip is scheduled for Feb. 11 and will take students to a Hershey Bears ice hockey game. The bus leaves campus at 5 p.m. and will return after the game. Students can sign up on Redbook to reserve a seat. Interested students must hurry; seats fill fast.

A full list of future trips can be found on the bulletin board across from the Center for Student Engagement in the Allan W. Mund College Center.

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Overcoming tragedy

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Not many people can go through a tragedy and get back to reality so quickly, but for one Lebanon Valley College student, it was her only option.

On July 21, 2015, then sophomore, Julia Gober, lost her mom, Anne Gober, in a horrific car accident in Wyoming, Pennsylvania. Another driver had swerved into her side of the road as Anne was driving home from work.

Gober recalls the exact moment she found out and describes it as the worst day of her life.

"I was at my grandparents house, and we got a call, and I just knew that something had happened," Gober said. "When I found out that she was dead, I just remember running around the kitchen, not really knowing what to do."

It turns out that the 34-year-old man who hit her head on was under the influence of morphine, had a suspended license and was on probation from a prior incident.

"It took a while for us to find out what really happened that day," Gober said. "It was a rough day when we got the report. I just remem-

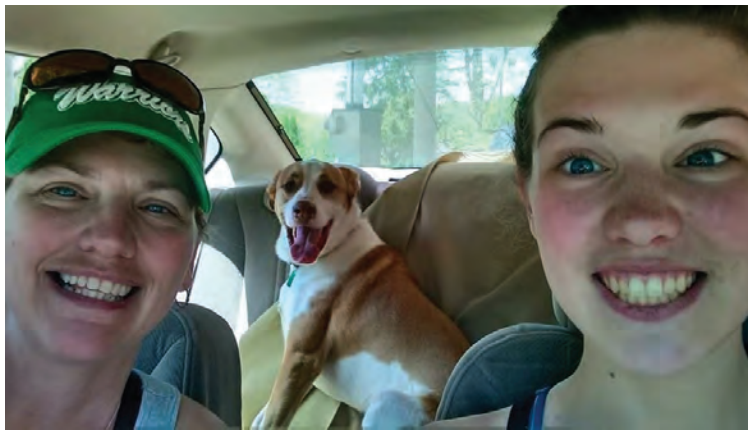


Photo by Julia Gober

ber thinking he was such an idiot. My mom was dead because of it and he was fine."

Gober spent the rest of the summer dreading coming back to school. With the support of her three siblings, dad and friends, the transition back to LVC was easier than she imagined it would be.

"I really didn't want to leave my family," Gober said. "I knew it was going to be hard being away from them. We just wanted to be there for each other as much as possible."

Emily Sweeney, a senior political science major and friend of Gober, was ready to help in anyway that she could.

"Right when I was told that her mom had passed away, I obviously told her I was there for her," Sweeney said. "It

was kind of hard when she came back because I didn't want to be overbearing, but we worked out a system."

With all of the friends and staff support that Gober had, she came back to school. Even though it was difficult, she pushed on and ended up enjoying her sophomore year.

"Everyone was really nice," Gober said. "I had the greatest support system when I returned to school, and for that I am so thankful."

Gober is currently in her junior year at LVC and studying business. She is working hard to live for her mom, and to keep her memory alive.

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Art exhibit



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The Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery is currently displaying Mary Ellen Mark's "Tiny: Streetwise Revisited" through March 19. Come and visualize Mark's documented encounters with Tina, a young homeless girl, from 1983-2014. The gallery is open Wednesday, 5-8 p.m., Thurs-

day-Friday, 1-4:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. or by appointment. Arnold Art Gallery will also host a photography workshop, Modern Documentary Photography and the Art of the Analog Print, Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Photographer Andrew Bale, of Dickinson College, will be hosting the event.

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of marginalized groups in communities all around the country. Davis challenged students and staff to take risks in order to create change in society.

"We can all live in a democratic society only if democracy is upheld by those that are in power recognizing that their power is to uphold and listen to the voices of the people and people who are continually and historically marginalized and oppressed," Davis said.

Following the keynote, President Lewis E. Thayne addressed the student body on similar issues and restated the College's dedication to equality and excellence. He also shared some of the areas of growth that had occurred since the 2016 Symposium of Inclusive Excellence. This included the expansion of recruitment services to continue in diversifying the campus, the creation of a new Africana



Photo by Megan Marron

Studies program, the new Presidential fund for inclusive excellence, growth in the accessibility project on campus for those with disabilities, intercultural and cross-cultural training for all faculty of the College, and the presentation of plans for a Center for Inter-

cultural Learning on campus. "We are a college because of the social and cultural impact we can have on society," Pres. Thayne said. Following his speech, Pres. Thayne awarded the President's service award to the Colleges against Can-

cer club, which organizes campus events such as breast cancer awareness week and Relay for Life.

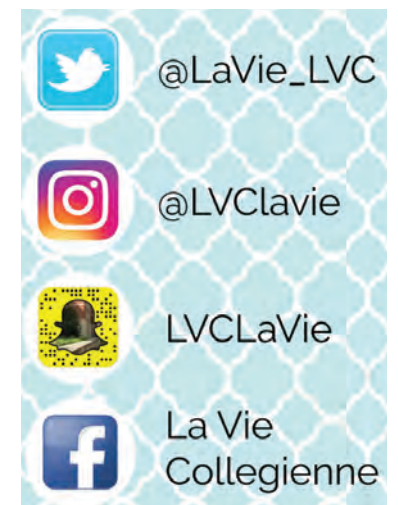
This symposium is a point of pride for those who help to plan the event. Todd Snovel, the Director of Student Engagement, was proud to share that with the first 24 hours of registration posted for the event, more than 400 students had signed up for the educational sessions.

Overall, the day-long symposium served its purpose by increasing awareness throughout the LVC community.

"My biggest takeaway from [the symposium] was that the best way to learn and to lead is to listen," Erin Kingham, a junior physical therapy major, said.

Students are excited for the event to continue in the coming years.

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Club corner: Cause for Paws

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Joining a club in college is easy; starting a club from scratch is much, much harder.

During the spring semester of 2015, psychology senior Desiree Ruiz and psychology junior Summer Boltz decided to start a club to promote animal welfare, through donations and trips to local animal shelters. However, the club Desire to Care, recently renamed Cause for Paws, is not well-known among the students on campus.

Boltz, the vice-president of the club, believes the reason is quite simple.

"Advertising," Boltz said. "Point-blank."

Ellie McNarama, a sophomore biology student, agrees; she first learned about the club from a sign on the door of the computer room in the Allan W. Mund College Center basement.

"Other clubs I've found from word of mouth," McNarama said. "Unfortunately, that isn't



Photo by Desiree Ruiz

the case for Cause for Paws."

McNarama has expressed continuous vocal interest in the club since learning about it, and she is not the only one. When Ruiz and Boltz held an information table for the club at LVC's activities fair, they received nearly 20 signatures on their email

list, and their guest speaker hosts from ZooAmerica drew dozens of interested adults and students alike.

However, regular club meetings only draw about four to six members, most of whom are on the executive board.

This semester, Cause for Paws is now meeting at 3

p.m. every other Sunday, as opposed to Desire to Care's Thursday evening meetings.

"What we were doing before wasn't working, so obviously something needed to change," Boltz said. "We had numerous complaints that either [students] didn't know what the club was

about, or that the time did not work out for them."

The change in meeting time can hopefully draw in more students who had night class, like McNarama, or other engagements on weeknights.

As for advertisements, the executive board members are already trying to remedy that error. Flyers have already been hung on bulletin boards and bathroom stalls, encouraging people to learn about the club's activities with the Humane Society of Lebanon County and ZooAmerica Group Outreach programs.

Anyone interested in animal welfare can attend the next meeting is on Feb. 19 in the Miller Chapel.

"We are making baby steps," Boltz said, "but hopefully someday Cause for Paws will become an LVC standard."

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In the spotlight: McCadney's journey

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There are dozens of people at LVC who ensure students have the best possible experience; Olajiwon McCadney is one of those people.

McCadney was hired as the Assistant Director of Intercultural Affairs & Inclusive Programming at LVC in 2014. Born in Mississippi, McCadney attended Northeastern University for his undergrad and State University of New York at Potsdam for his masters. His life, he says, has been a journey.

His responsibilities at LVC are numerous. He serves as a certified life coach, a Green Dot and Brave Zone facilitator and adviser of several clubs on campus including American Indian Studies, Martial Arts, Asian Culture, Hispanic Alliance and the Black Student Union.

"Interacting with the students is my favorite part of my job in the Multicultural Fellowship Program," McCadney said.

In addition, he's the house advisor for the Friendship House and Stonewall House.



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He works with more than 250 students, making sure they are applying themselves academically and socially while school is in session.

"I really have come a long way with the help of Olajiwon both academically and socially," CJ Boxley, a sophomore education major, said. "I'm very sure I'm not the only one on this campus as well."

In 2016, McCadney was awarded the Wheeler Freedom Award, which is given to an individual who has worked to advance the rights of the local LGBTQ+ community. For McCadney, this is just the beginning. He intends to complete his doctorate next year.

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MBB & athletes present wish



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Make-A-Wish kid Sammy Hill was honored prior to the men's basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 28. During the ceremony, Hill was pre-

sented with her wish to go to Disney World, along with a custom LVC Make-A-Wish basketball jersey, cheer-leading jacket, Hersheypark day pass and more.

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Campus recital

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Natalie Burr, a sophomore music education major, was one of two students who performed in a recital on Monday, Feb. 6, in Lutz Recital Hall. The performance is one of many other musical events that will take place this semester. The full schedule can be found on the La Vie website at www2.lvc.edu/lavie.



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Athletes abroad

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Study abroad programs at Lebanon Valley College are highly encouraged, and this past fall eight student-athletes spent their time abroad.

Among those student-athletes were Colin Albright, a junior accounting and economics double major; Cooper Gerus, a senior political science major; and Bri Wynn, a junior physical therapy major. Each participates in a spring sport; therefore, they were able to go abroad without sacrificing the competition season.

Albright who plays baseball, Gerus who plays lacrosse and Wynn who runs track and field traveled to separate continents where they experienced different cultures and everyday life. Perugia, Italy, was Albright's chosen destination, while Gerus spent the semester in Shanghai, China, and Wynn traveled to Hamilton, New Zealand, for four months. Unfortunately, these countries did not have the same resources to continue regular practice



Photo by Theresa Messenger

for each individual's sport.

"I played a lot of soccer while in China," Gerus said. "The international students from the Middle East and Europe would play every day, and there was a group of lacrosse players I met there, so they had the resources to play. Definitely a great athletic community."

Albright also described his experience with athletics and training abroad.

"Since baseball is an American sport and not widely recognized in other countries, I could not find any baseball facilities while in Perugia," Albright said. "There was, however, a track about 10 min-

utes from my apartment, so it was easy to continue running to stay in shape. I also gained quite a bit of leg muscle since Perugia is on top of a mountain; I was walking up and down steep hills all day long."

The decision-making process to study abroad was not considered lightly in all cases. Each student considered the possibility of missing his or her season along with his or her academic course requirements.

"As a physical therapy major, I only had two possible semesters I could go," Wynn said, "one being sophomore year spring semester and the other being junior

year fall semester. Track did not play a role since I am a physical therapy major. I can red shirt a season and run track my fifth year."

Albright also explained how he shaped his study abroad experience while considering athletics and academic fulfillments.

"My sport impacted my decision-making process because I knew I had to travel abroad in the fall in order to not miss baseball season in the spring," Albright said. "I was also able to fulfill some major and general education requirements while in Italy."

Albright, Gerus and Wynn also gained a great deal of experience during their time abroad. Gerus found the people he met to be the most memorable.

"The friends I made from different parts of the world has been the most rewarding part out of the entire study abroad experience," Gerus said.

Wynn agreed that meeting a variety of individuals was very impactful.

"The opportunity to be immersed and learn about a different culture and to travel and

meet new people from around the world is something I will always cherish," Wynn said.

Each student-athlete has found the adjustment back to the College and his respective sports to be generally easy.

"Since Italy did not have any baseball facilities, I started working out the day after I returned to the states," Albright said. "The adjustment back to life at the Valley has been pretty easy for me. I made sure not to get too lazy while abroad as far as school work goes, so it has been easy for me to get back in the swing of things at LVC."

While they are all taking advantage of new experiences back in the states and adapting to the American cultures, Albright, Gerus and Wynn speak highly of their experiences. They are all pleased to have had the opportunity to study abroad.

"I would urge everyone to consider studying abroad," Wynn said. "It is such an amazing opportunity, and these types of opportunities are once in a life time."

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Club corner: Seniors Helping Seniors

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Lebanon Valley College has introduced a new club to campus: Seniors Helping Seniors.

The club was founded by President Brandi Whitman, a senior self-designed American studies major. She originally thought of the idea during her capstone class when she began to work with the elderly at a local retirement home.

"We're a teaching club," Whitman said. "We want to create a hands-on experience, especially for psychology, health science, biology and education majors."

The club began in the 2016 fall semester and works with the elderly at Stone Ridge Health Center, Annville Senior Center and Heath Farm Estate. The club members meet with the seniors at these centers for activities including crafts, karaoke, bingo, sensory boxes and more.

Each sensory box has a theme such as fall, sports or cooking. A cooking box may



Photo by Rachel Anderson

contain a recipe, a cooking utensil, food scented air freshener and other cooking items to help stimulate memories through sensory reception. This allows the elderly to share memories from their past.

"Sensory boxes are packed with themed items to reminisce about," Kara Strack, a senior biology major and the vice president of the club, said. "These boxes are

made by the club's members to cognitively stimulate the minds of the elderly."

Despite the club name, students of all majors and years are welcome to join. The group aims to positively impact the lives of the elderly in the surrounding community by planning fun events and activities that stimulate them physically and cognitively.

Whitman initially creat-

ed the club to get LVC students thinking about what they want to do after graduation, leading into their retirement. When Whitman started working at the retirement home, it changed her perspective of what she wanted to do with her degree. She hopes this club can help others determine what career path they want to follow.

"I started thinking about

where do I even see myself in six months or six years?" Whitman said. "I feel like we are going to classes but not thinking often enough about all possible options with our degrees and what we really want to do in our lives"

To be granted "club" status at LVC, Whitman worked with Jen Evans, Director of Student Activities and the Allan W. Mund College Center and Matt Winger, the club's adjunct adviser, to fulfill club requirements and paperwork.

"We've had a very successful year with a solid foundation of future success," Strack said. "The club has changed our lives as volunteers as we make memories with those who are far wiser than us."

Seniors Helping Seniors meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in Miller Chapel room 115.

Those interested in the club can contact Brandi Whitman at bnw001@lvc.edu.

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SPORTS

Stuck in Canada

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The women's ice hockey team is currently playing without a full-time head coach.

This past fall, Lebanon Valley College introduced a women's ice hockey team staffed with head coach Isabel Menard.

However, Menard has been unable to be with the team because of a visa complication with the United States. Menard resides in Canada and must receive a work visa to be able to be employed in the U.S. Since she does not have a work visa, Menard has yet to be paid for her coaching services.

"Coach Menard came to LVC with great intentions of building our team and program to be strong and competitive," Nikki Lloyd, a junior forward on the hockey team, said. "Every player has grown in both senses on-and-off the ice since



Photo by Rachel Havrylkoff

her first day at the College."

Menard attended Syracuse University before transferring to Boston University, where she was named a Hockey East Second Team All-Star both junior and senior year. After college, Menard coached and played professional hockey in Switzerland.

When Menard traveled back to Canada during the College's Thanksgiving break,

boarder control realized Menard did not have a work visa. Therefore, the U.S. boarder control denied her access to work in or return to the country. This means the women's ice hockey team has been and remains unable to work with Menard.

Ann Hayes, senior director of human resources and Title IX coordinator, and Rick Beard, director of athletics, remain in

regular contact with Menard.

"As soon as we receive Coach Menard's visa approval, she'll be back on the ice," Hayes said. "We hope to hear something in the next few weeks."

The College has applied for the H-1B visa through the United States Immigration Service. The H-1B visa allows United States employers to temporarily employ foreign workers.

"If Coach Menard's H-1B visa isn't approved, we will consult with our immigration attorney to see if we have other options for approval," Hayes said. "We are very much looking forward to Coach Menard's visa approval."

Currently, Don Parsons, director of ice hockey operations and head men's ice hockey coach, is coaching the team. Parsons recruited this class of hockey players so he is already

familiar with the skaters.

When Parsons is traveling with the men's ice hockey team, Joey Lye, LVC's head softball coach; Sean Haltam, a volunteer assistant coach; and Stacey Hollinger, associate director of athletics, help assist and travel with the team.

"Even with Coach Menard being in Canada for the past two months, Coach Parsons and Coach Lye have kept Coach Menard's systems and standards, which will make her return easy for all," Lloyd said. "Our team is very thankful to have them."

The team remains in contact with Menard through face-time and group messages.

La Vie reached out to Menard who referred us to Hayes; La Vie will continue to follow the outcome of the H-1B application.

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Conrad's comeback

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The Lebanon Valley College men's basketball team was without a key part of its team during the beginning portion of its schedule.

Senior captain Travis Conrad was sidelined for the first five games of the year with a fractured foot. The Dutchmen struggled during that time, compiling a record of 2-3. The injury gave Conrad a new perspective and appreciation for the game.

"Sitting out was definitely rough," Conrad said. "It made me a lot more appreciative of the time I have left playing because luckily the injury was not season-ending."

Since Conrad's return, the team has hit its stride on the court. Conrad's leadership and three-point-shooting prowess have been a huge part of the team's recent success. The Dutchmen have won eight of their last 11 games, including a win over conference-leader Lycoming College.

Conrad has been able to



Photo by LVC Athletics

take the things he saw from the bench and translate those into action on the court.

"The translation to the court has been more so growing through off the court input," Conrad said. "Keeping communication lines open and listening to the guys on the bench for things they see out there or little adjustments to make."

Conrad also stressed the importance of the supportiveness of the team towards one another. A few words of encouragement when things are not going well have allowed the Dutchmen to bounce back from a tough break or a couple missed shots.

Aside from his leadership, Conrad's on-court performance has been outstanding. He went a perfect 8-8 from the floor en route to 27 points in a win over Arcadia on Jan. 11. In addition, he scored a career high 33 points, including eight three-point field goals, in a win over Hood College.

"When he plays well, it really gives the rest of the team a boost," Will Boccanfuso, a junior forward, said.

Conrad hopes that team will continue its strong play down the stretch of the season.

"We have proven we can beat the top teams in the league," Conrad said. "I think our maturity being we have one senior and so many juniors will benefit us here late in the season."

The Dutchmen have two regular season games remaining on their schedule. Conrad's goal is to make the conference playoffs and win the league title, while also enjoying every last moment he has with his teammates.

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Hot Dog Frank Award



Photo by Todd Snovel

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Shannon Brandt, assistant dean of academic success, and Beth Julian '09, director of the center for writing & tutoring resources, accepted the Hot Dog Frank Athletic Service Award during halftime at the annual Hot Dog Frank game on Saturday,

Jan. 28. Brandt and Julian were honored for their contributions to the Lebanon Valley College athletic program. Together, they organize athletic study halls, academic orientations and advise student-athletes to ensure their success on and off the field.

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This is an update to a story La Vie reported on in February.

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The search is on for a new women's ice hockey coach.

Isabel Menard's visa application was denied, which means she will not be returning as the LVC women's ice hockey coach. Menard contacted the team through email to break the news.

"This has been difficult not only on myself being away from all of you but more so on all of you who have had to be without a coach," Menard said. "You all deserve nothing but the best as I had the extreme pleasure to get to know all of you. You were all incredible to myself, your teammates and the program. I will never forget each of you and you will forever be in my heart."

Since the visa application was not approved, Menard



Photo by Kirsten Bannan

does not have work authorization in the United States, and the College cannot pay or compensate her for the services she provided.

Menard worked with the hockey team throughout October

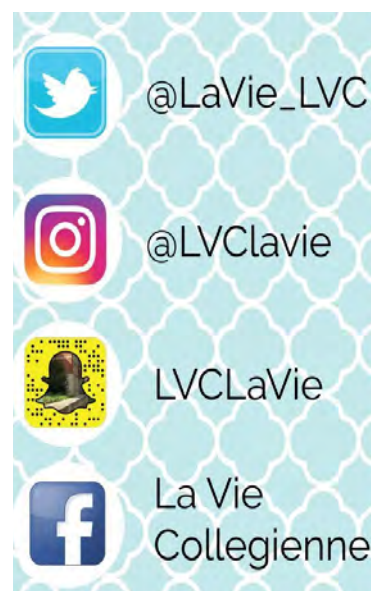
and November of last year.

"The whole team is upset she will not be coming back because just in the six weeks she coached us on the ice, all of us made great improvements," Nikki Lloyd '18, team

captain, said. "We're definitely going to miss her because she made us all better."

The College has begun its search for a new coach.

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Bishop Brews Hours

Mon - Wed: 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Thurs: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday - Sun: closed

Florida service trip

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The office of Spiritual Life along with interested students and faculty take an annual trip during spring break to participate in community service.

The group went to St. Augustine, FL, last year, and they are returning this year to continue their efforts of building houses and aiding the elderly.

This year there will be 25 people on the trip. Participants will take a roughly 24-hour train ride to Florida from Philadelphia.

Anna Maria Veila Ostrow, an author and survivor of the Holocaust, has graciously donated money to the trip because she wants LVC students to be able to have as many wonderful experienc-

es as she did in her lifetime.

A "typical" day will begin with waking up early, grabbing a quick breakfast and heading to help either St. John's Housing or the Council on Aging. St. John's Housing is a Florida native version of Habitat for Humanity where volunteers will build or repair houses. The Council on Aging is a program in Florida that does reparative work and spends time with elderly residents.

LVC volunteers will end the day with a shower at the local YMCA, dinner and free time to explore St. Augustine, study or get to sleep early.

This year's trip has been planned by Holly Mitman, a junior chemistry and secondary education major with German and music minors. Mitman, a returning member

of the service trip, says that planning the event has been a great experience overall.

"I think my favorite part from last year was getting to help out a community that isn't as fortunate as mine as well as making about 20 new friends," Mitman said. "This year I'm going because I had such a great time last year. I'm sad that I didn't go my freshman year."

LVC students who do not participate in the trip are encouraged to attend a sharing session on March 14, where students who volunteered will speak about their experiences. Sign up on Redbook to attend.

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Spring break reminders

Friday, March 3 – Sunday, March 12

- Halls close at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 3
- Halls re-open at 12 p.m. on Sunday, March 12
- All classes resume on Monday, March 13
- All students are required to leave campus and cannot enter a residential facility without permission during the break period.
- All residential facilities and dining facilities will be closed.
- Administrative offices and Public Safety will remain open.
- Residential students must follow the checkout list on their doors before leaving campus for break.

Dining Hours:

Intermetzo: Closed: Friday, March 3 at 2 p.m.

- Open: Monday, March 13 at 7:30 a.m.

Dutchmen Den: Closed: Friday, March 3 at 1 a.m.

- Open: Sunday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

Bishop Brews: Closed: Thursday, March 2 at 5 p.m.

- Open: Monday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Mund Dining Hall: Closed: Friday, March 3 at 2:30 p.m.

- Open: Sunday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.



Dancing with the LVC stars

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Lebanon Valley College's Students Achieving Victories Everywhere (S.A.V.E.) and dance team united to raise a total of \$2,124.68 during the Dancing with the LVC stars event.

LVC S.A.V.E. is a first year club that dedicates its time to raising money for the greater good. Each year, S.A.V.E. plans to choose a designated charity and spends the school year gathering funds to donate. This year, Alex's Lemonade Stand was the chosen foundation.

"LVC S.A.V.E. was thrilled the dance team wanted to work with us, especially since we are a very new club to campus," Brianna Cosgrove, a senior early childhood education and special education major and S.A.V.E. president, said. "We had a lot of fun at the event and pro-

moted a great cause. LVC is such a great school because clubs are able to come together to put on something great, and professors even aren't afraid to join in."

Organized by JoAnne Rubelmann, a junior history major and dance team vice-president, Dancing with the LVC Stars took place Friday, Feb. 17. Dance team members paired up with campus faculty as the "stars" of the night, and squared off in an exciting contest.

Audience members had the ability to vote for their favorite star with monetary donations. At the end of the evening, Mary Gardner, aquatics director and head swim coach and D'anna Sydow, a freshman neuroscience major, took home the mirror ball trophy. "I am so grateful to D'anna because she gave me the confidence

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Time to talk body image

Megan Marron '18
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In the United States alone, approximately 30 million people will suffer from an eating disorder during their lifetime.

Because eating disorders don't affect any single group, those who suffer will be of all genders, races, ages and social statuses. Because of the overwhelming pervasiveness of eating disorders, National Eating Disorder Awareness (NEDA) Week has taken place for the past 29 years.

This year's awareness week, spearheaded by the National Eating Disorders Association, will run from Feb. 26–March 4.

According to NEDA's website, the purpose of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week is to shine the spotlight on eating disorders and put life-saving resources into the hands of those in need.

"NEDAwareness Week is so

important because it brings forward such an important topic," Rebekka Carpenter, a junior historical communications and art and visual culture dual major and eating disorder survivor said. "It lets people know there are people who care about them and want to help them."

With the increased anxiety and pressure of moving away from home and starting a new type of school, college students are extremely susceptible to developing eating disorders. According to the Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association, 20 percent of college students said that they had or had previously had an eating disorder.

Lebanon Valley College's office of Counseling Services held body image screenings on Tuesday, Feb. 28, in an effort to raise the level of awareness surrounding eating disorders and body image issues.

"In the past we have done an eating disorder awareness fashion show," James Willey, a 50/50 peer helper said. "This year we decided to hold screenings because we understand that, with the stress that comes with college, students can kind of 'slip in' to an eating disorder."

Willey also urges students that need assistance surrounding stress and body image to speak to one of the 50/50 peer helpers or even one of the counselors in Shroyer Health Center for more serious troubles.

Counseling Services can be contacted at 717-867-6232 and the 50/50 Peer Helpers can be reached at 5050@lvc.edu.

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President's Innovation Fund takes LVC to D.C.

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Special Contributor

Lebanon Valley College students and faculty recently joined more than 10,000 authors, editors, publishers and fellow teachers and students at the 50th Annual Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) conference.

This year, the conference was held in Washington, D.C., and featured authors and panelists from across the globe. The conference itself is home to hundreds of panel discussions on craft and publishing along with a massive book fair that features publishing companies, literary journals, literary magazines and information about graduate program options for those interested in writing.

"It's basically the Super Bowl for writers," Dr. Holly Wendt, assistant professor of English and co-advisor to the Green Blotter literary magazine, said. The students who attended the conference were a part of LVC's student-run literary magazine, Green Blotter, which accepts undergraduate prose, poetry and visual artwork from anywhere in the world.

Student attendance at this immense conference was



only made possible by the President's Innovation Fund, which allowed for magazine's four student editors and two faculty advisors to travel to D.C., reserve a table at the book fair and promote both the Green Blotter literary magazine and LVC.

The conference itself lasted three days and left a large impact on each of the students. Paige Bryson, a freshman English major, went into the conference as a new addition to Green Blotter and with only outsider knowledge about the publishing industry, which she aspires to join in the future.

"Not only did I enjoy being there as a representative of Green Blotter, but I enjoyed being there as a student who got to learn about my own college's literary journal as well as my future career," Bryson said.

Jackie Chicaese, a junior English major with a minor in studio art, had a similarly enlightening experience.

"I've learned a lot of tips and tricks of the trade," Chicaese said. "But ultimately, I learned that I love writing, I love the community writing creates, and that I want to hopefully become a writer myself."



Photos by Jess Coughlin

Also along for the trip were senior English and sociology major Jess Coughlin and junior English major Sydney Fuhrman.

When asked if either the students or professors would attend another AWP conference in the future, the answers were all the same—each a resounding "yes."

"I've learned things that will impact my teaching, my reading, my writing and my understanding of the world in so many ways," Sally Clark, assistant professor in English and adviser to the Green Blotter literary magazine, said.

Though eager to attend future conferences, there is one thing about this past trip that will always stand out to the students.

"I think sharing the experience with our professors made the trip even more worthwhile," Chicaese said. "I am incredibly thankful for the intimate relationships the professors foster with us. It's obvious that they genuinely care about us as students, writers and individuals."

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DigiCOM couple teach ad agency course

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This semester's one-credit ad agency course is giving students the opportunity to work with real clients, while being instructed by two alumni who own their own ad agency.

DCOM 301: Ad Agency is usually taught by digital communications professor Mat Samuel, but this semester Samuel is on sabbatical. In substitution of Samuel, Jill Whiskeyman '07 and Steve Whiskeyman '09, both digital communications and English alumni, were happy to step in and teach the course.

"We're running it like a real ad agency," Jill said. "We're going to show the students what it's like to work in a really collaborative setting."

"I think Mat Samuel is going to have to pry it out of our hands when he gets back," Steve said. "I know it is only a one credit class, but to us, it is just fun and natural."

The Whiskeymans are no strangers when it comes to collaborating. The two have been working together on projects since college and

founded their own ad agency, (ATG), who specialize in Simpatico Studios, in 2011. At Simpatico Studios, they focus on who their client is, what the client's place in the market is and what the client's story is. Then, the team tells the client's story in whatever medium is needed.

"If you're working for an ad agency, you are in the people business," Steve said. "People work with people that they get to know and trust."

Jill and Steve are excited to be teaching concepts that they have learned from their post-grad experiences to current students.

"One thing that is unique about DigiCom, in general, is Dr. Ritchie and Dr. Kline have fostered this idea of paying it forward," said Jill.

"You're only as good as the people that pass on what they've learned – that's what gives the advantage."

Students in the ad agency class range from freshman to seniors and all bring different skills to the table.

The students are currently working with a non-profit school, Achieve Their Goals

(ATG), who specialize in 1:1 education for children with learning differences.

"It's a really interesting client," Steve said. "They are non-profit and their whole position is that special education in the public school system doesn't work. ATG believes that every child can learn and everyone learns differently. ATG has great stories to tell; they just have no marketing budget."

Students have been creating an integrated marketing plan on how to build and capital a campaign so that they can raise money to move facilities for the school over the summer.

"There isn't another class where you can learn how an agency functions, interact with a real client, and implement a real campaign for their needs. It's a very cool process to be a part of," Caity Stevens, a senior digital communications major said.

The second half of the term students are asked to come up with their own client to work with while still managing the ATG campaign.

Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 Registration Dates:

Wed., March 29 - Thurs., April 6



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"They're going to have two class world-weary," Steve said. "If the students are clients to work on simultaneously," Steve said. "So just a little more prepared now, we are getting them into a rhythm of an actual ad agency because you never work with just one client."

Both Jill and Steve hope to pass on valuable skills to all of the students in the course and teach the class in the future.

"I hope they come out of the

Ad Agency is offered every spring and is open to all majors.

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Traveling performance group visits LVC

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Colloquium events at Lebanon Valley College take a lot of planning, especially when it comes to a certain traveling performance group that celebrates diversity through Chamber Music Theater.

"Of Ebony Embers" is a part of The Core Ensemble, which is a company that was founded in 1993. Since then, they have developed a new genre of chamber music while keeping the fundamentals of contemporary chamber music.

At this particular visit to LVC, The Core Ensemble consisted of a trio: Ju Young Lee on cello, Mikael Darmanie on piano and Michael Parola on percussion. They were joined on stage by Dracyn Blount, who was the single actor during the performance.

Of Ebony Embers performed vignettes depicting the Harlem Renaissance. They used this time to celebrate music and poetry of the Har-



Photo by Sammi Hummer

lem Renaissance era in New York City. The group examined the lives of three different African American poets: Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay. These poets were explored through the eyes of painter

and muralist Aaron Douglas. Emily Sweeney, senior political science major, was pleasantly surprised with Of Ebony Embers. "Originally I just tagged along with some friends who had to go for some music class, but

as I sat there, I was actually enthralled," Sweeney said. "I've read poems by Langston Hughes but to see Dracyn Blount portray him allowed me to gain an understanding of the poetry he wrote."

While Blount was portraying

these poets and artist, The Core Ensemble was playing music from the Harlem Renaissance era as well. This included artists such as Thelonius Monk, Duke Ellington, Margaret Bonds, Jeffrey Mumford and others.

While some students attended this event for the poetry, Steve Hummer, a senior business major, attended it for the music.

"I've read these poets before, but that's not really what drew me into this event," Hummer said. "When I read that there was going to be music from the Harlem Renaissance era, I knew I had to see it; they sure did not disappoint."

This colloquium event allowed students to take a trip back in time to the Harlem Renaissance era and to walk away with more knowledge of influential poets and artists.

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Health Services: Ring the bell & come inside

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Help with the common cold is just steps away for LVC students; Health Services is located on the bottom floor of Shroyer House, the large brick house across the street from the Blair Music Center.

Health Services, staffed and run by Valerie Angeli, R.N., Director of Health Services, is a great place to go for all of one's health needs.

From a cough to a sprained ankle, Angeli can provide professional help at no cost to students. It is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Students must provide verification of health insurance to Health Services before receiving treatment.

As the LVC website states, the Health Services staff is available to help treat ordinary medical needs of all full-time students and to provide emergency medical care for the College community.

Angeli welcomes students to come to health



Photo by Kaitlyn Good

services for any and all of their health needs. There is no health problem students cannot bring to her.

"It's really a good place to come to be evaluated," Angeli said. "I am open to anything. There are no dumb questions. Anything you say to me is confidential."

In addition to health evaluations, Health Services also provides medical records and immunization records, nursing care for common problems like colds or stomach aches, diagnostic testing such as for TB, strep

throat, UTIs, mononucleosis, pregnancy and some over-the-counter medicine care.

For urgent health issues, Angelo also provides referrals to urgent care or emergency facilities. Public Safety, acting as LVC's first responders, provide students with a free shuttle to off-campus health facilities weekly, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - noon.

At Shroyer House, Angeli also provides free care for students through her selections of free care products. Anything students may need such as sanitizer, cough

drops, feminine care products and condoms are provided for students free of charge.

Angeli also stocks the waiting room with pamphlets that provide basic care tips and suggestions for a full range of illnesses and typical health worries. After hours, students can still reach a registered nurse for health advice over the phone at 717-867-4671.

Health Services is holding a free Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) test walk-in clinic, provided by Lebanon Family Health Services at Shroyer Health Center on Monday, March 13, from 3 - 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 26, from 4 - 7 p.m.

Located on the upper floor of the Shroyer Health Center, LVC students are provided with counseling services that are also free of charge.

Counseling Services are available to students who seek short term counseling for a variety of issues, including: academic difficulties, alcohol/drug concerns, an-

ger management, anxiety, crisis intervention, depression, eating disorders, family problems, group counseling, relationship issues, Brave Zone for LGBTQ+, sexual assault and stress.

The Counselor's offices are located directly above health services. Most appointments are about 45 minutes long.

Students may schedule sessions for any time Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students must call 717-867-6232 ext. 6232 to make an appointment with counselors Stephanie Faulk, Jordan Cupelli-Knight or Charles Gilbet. Counseling Services also host weekly outreach programs such as 50/50 Peer Helpers, OASIS and 60 minutes.

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Combatting chronic pain

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Despite that more than 11 percent of all women struggle with endometriosis, there is still a lack of awareness.

March is Endometriosis Awareness Month. Endometriosis is a chronic and debilitating condition that causes the cells that make the lining of a women's uterus to grow outside of the organ. The most common areas it is found is on are the ovaries, surface of the uterus, and the Fallopian tubes. Rarely, it can even appear on areas of the body, such as the brain, lungs and eyes.

This condition causes women to have chronic pain, heavy bleeding, fatigue, depression, infertility and digestive issues. While it is found most commonly in women ages 30 to 40, it can be found in any woman of childbearing age.

Despite its affecting such a large number of the population, lack of awareness about the complexity of symptoms causes women to go 7.5 years from the first time they visit a doctor to the time they receive their definitive diagnosis.

While a well-educated

doctor can assume one has endometriosis through exams and ultrasounds, the only conclusive way to receive a diagnosis is through laparoscopic surgery of the pelvis. For some women, this can mean several surgeries due to complications and rapid return of the tissue.

"I thought after my first surgery and diagnosis I was in the clear," Brianna Leiter, a recent LVC graduate, said. "But within 11 months I had three surgeries."

After one is diagnosed and the surgery is over, the path isn't always clear. Since there is no cure, surgery is only a temporary solution. The most common preventive treatments are hormonal birth control, which is used to block or reduce the production of hormones in the body, and pain management to aid in lessening the pain the endometriosis tissue and periods can cause.

"I have been on birth control since I was 14," Morgan Hackett, a sophomore music education major, said. "The problem is every kind of pill works differently for every person. I spent years trying to

to do this," Gardner said. "I couldn't have done it without her. I also want to thank the Otters [swim team] for all of their support."

Sydow, a member of the swim team, was also pleased with the outcome of the event.

"I am so thankful that I had Mary as a partner," Sydow said. "She is the most amazing woman that I have ever met in my entire life, and I could not have asked for a better start to my college career."

Although not everyone was a winner, all participants recognized the uniqueness of the event.

"This was so much fun, and it was amazing in the last weeks to see how many people were aware of what students were doing," Paul Fuller, chaplain and director of service and volunteerism and star, said. "They were supportive and ready to come on out. So just another example of community support at LVC."

Other faculty stars also expressed their enjoyment that they gained from the experience.

"It was an amazing night," Greg Krikorian, vice president of student affairs and dean of students and star, said. "The

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Photo by Theresa Messenger

dance team is one of our best organizations on campus. JoAnne did an amazing job organizing this event and whipping me into shape. I had one of the best times I've ever had in my career."

Not everyday do students and faculty members have the opportunity to switch roles, but in this case, both parties were eager to do so.

"Doc Summers was just a hard worker," Joelle Godfrey, a sophomore early childhood education major and special education major said. "I can't believe how much time he really put into this. His dedication was amazing, and it was

really encouraging as a student to see a teacher do that."

Laura Schmidt, a senior physical therapy major and student government president, served as a judge for Dancing with the Stars. During the event, she sat on a judge's panel, scored each team and commented on their performances. "Dancing with the Stars is something new, something different and it raised money for a good cause," Schmidt said. "The best part was getting to see professors who we know and love on stage."

The dance team is a student-run club sport organization that allows students to continue or begin their dancing career throughout college. LVC dance team performs at men's basketball games, the fall pep rally, Relay For Life, Mini-THON and more. In addition to performances at campus events, the team holds an annual spring showcase which will take place Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, at 2 p.m.

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Main Street sweets & treats



Photo by Maria Scacchitti

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A whirling dervish is a person or thing of perpetual motion, which easily describes local realtor Becky Gacono, especially since she is opening a bakery and coffee shop alongside her current real estate career and running after her six grandchildren.

"Everybody's lives are always so crazy and busy so I hope [the shop] is busy, but also a slowed-down place for people to meet and talk to each other," Gacono said.

The Whirling Dervish will be a morning coffee shop at 50 W. Main Street, Annville, behind Prudential Gacono Real Estate, which is currently owned by Gacono and her sis-

ter. Various breakfast items, baked goods and sweet treats will be served fresh on a daily basis. Gacono also plans on brewing coffee every morning and serving tea, hot chocolate and iced coffee as well.

Gacono is currently a realtor and partner of Prudential. She and her sister have owned the business and building for the past 22 years, giving her the space to open a shop.

Baking has been a passion for Gacono since high school. She has been baking for the community and sharing her treats for nearly 30 years. Now she is making a life-long passion a reality.

"It's going to be a labor of love in the mornings," Gacono said, as she plans

on continuing her real estate career along with running a new small business. "It's a fun place to come. I really want it to be a personal place for people to come into."

The Whirling Dervish has been in the works for nearly two years. With little to no guidance, establishing a small business has been a long journey for Gacono.

"It was so much more than I ever dreamed," Gacono said. But she anticipates the product of her labors to be a quirky shop with a unique atmosphere.

Getting to meet more people is what Gacono looks forward to most about opening the shop.

"I love the idea that I will get to meet new people who come in," Gacono said. "I hope it's a positive and fun place to stop in. And I get to know people on a more personal basis that I wouldn't meet otherwise."

The Whirling Dervish is set to open the second weekend of March. Tentatively, the hours are set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6-10 a.m.

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Fabulous fashion at the Valley

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A new clothing line is going to be released by Lebanon Valley College's Marquis Davis, a senior business major, and Cameron Boxley, a junior early childhood and special education major, who plan to give LVC students an early opportunity to acquire their accessories.

Long Money Long Ways (LMLW) was created in January 2016, by Marquis Davis, a native of South Toms River, N.J. As Davis is pursuing his dream in music, he wants people to know that the brand is not just a representation of his music, but a lifestyle for everyone to live.

"LMLW represents a family that consists of people who seek to be leaders who never settle for average," Davis said.

When Davis began having ideas about developing the clothing line, he knew he



Photo by Collin Moore

couldn't do it alone. It was then he noticed the potential that Boxley had for the success of the business.

"His love for fashion and the way he even dresses is different from others and his

tireless work ethic caught my attention," Davis said.

Boxley, who is from York, was named the CEO of the clothing line in January of this year. He was noticed for his love of fashion, which was

something he has had since he was in the 11th grade. As he grows and draws his inspirations from Kanye West and ASAP Rocky, who are popular in today's society for their music and fashion, he knows that the opportunities are endless for LMLW. There was still another piece missing from the puzzle.

Although Boxley was named CEO of the clothing line, he knew that it would be a huge responsibility to handle by himself, inspiring him to involve his best friend, and fellow York native, Von Bowie as the co-CEO of the clothing line. Bowie is currently a student at Gettysburg College.

"The only person I could think of was Von; we have been best friends since we were about five years old," Cameron Boxley, a junior early childhood education major, said. "And if I were to ever get an opportunity

that I feel will help me grow wealthy and mentally, he would be right by my side."

As the clothing line develops over time, Boxley and Bowie plan to sell to students at Lebanon Valley and Gettysburg.

"If people see others in our clothing around campus, I'm sure others would want to join the wave," Boxley said.

As of now LMLW has orders of t-shirts, hoodies, crewnecks, long-sleeves and hats, which are just to test the waters and see how they're going to sell. When sales get rolling, they plan to sell accessories on the market.

It is clear that the future is bright for LMLW. If students want to see current clothing for sale, they can visit LMLW's website at <http://lmlwclothing.bigcartel.com/>.

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Globalize your palate

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Not long after Dr. Charles H.F. Davis urged different cultures to “dream together” at LVC’s Inclusive Excellence Symposium, Metz started featuring ethnic foods throughout the dining hall, enabling different cultures to eat together as well.

Students may have seen advertisements around campus for Taste Labs that enable interested students to study healthier alternatives to dining hall favorites such as burgers, but that is only one small part of Dr. Robert Valgenti’s Engage, Analyze, and Transform (E.A.T.) Initiative.

According to Valgenti, an associate professor of philosophy, E.A.T., since its

inception in the summer of 2013, has strived to “promote and assess the goals of ethnical reasoning, intercultural competence, healthful living, and environmental sustainability,” and Vidya Lala’s Globalize Your Plate project fits all of that criteria.

Lala, a senior biology student, has been working with Chef John Hopewell from the Metz Dining Hall to replicate the recipes in a way that is both new and familiar, allowing students to enjoy cultural food without stepping too far out of their comfort zones. An example of this is finding meat substitutes. As Lala is focused on vegetable-heavy meals, international cuisine enables her to find substitutes for meat that are not

commonly used in the US.

“Initially, I was planning to tackle the initiative of enhancing one’s understanding and exposure to healthy foods by implementing more plant-forward options in the dining hall,” Lala said. “Faith Viray was planning to implement international cuisines in the dining hall, but ended up studying abroad this semester, so I ended up morphing my project with hers.”

In addition to that, Valgenti believes that the sheer act of trying international recipes fulfills E.A.T.’s hope of uniting people.

“Food has been shown to be a positive force when it comes to overcoming differences—sharing a meal is one of the most powerful illustra-

tions of the host-guest relationship,” Valgenti said. “In the best case scenario, trying a new food might encourage a more open stance towards difference and otherness.”

As a person who identifies with both African and American culture, Lala enjoys how much Globalize Your Plate has personally connected with her.

“I think that both the international and health aspects of the project align well with who I am and what I hope to do,” Lala said. “I personally love to learn about the cultures of others and hope to instill this very same passion in others.”

However, it seems as though regardless of whether or not a student likes a dish, feedback on Globalize

Your Plate has been very positive. Jeanette Tropp, a senior digital communications major, has enjoyed trying the different cuisines.

“Globalize Your Plate is a great program for students who are wild about unique, international foods,” Tropp said. “The options are still tame enough for those who are not as crazy about trying new things but still want to experiment.”

The cultures presented for the rest of the semester are as following:

- March 15 – Greek
- March 22 – Indian
- March 29 – Peruvian
- April 5 – Egyptian
- April 26 – Japanese.

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Midsummer Night’s Dream

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This 2016-2017 season LVC’s Wig and Buckle Theater Company is celebrating 80 years of performing for the College. Pictured are highlights from the latest show, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,”



Photos by Maria Scacchitti

by William Shakespeare, directed by Grace Bailey, '17. Wig and Buckle will conclude this show season with Pete Shaffer’s “Amadeus,” directed by Jacob Kanavins, '18. Performances will be April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30.

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Brave Zone

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Programs exist on campuses across the country to bring students together as a community and create a space where everyone can feel welcomed.

LVC offers support similar to this through the Brave Zone Network (Brave Zone), based on the nationally recognized Safe Zone program.

Brave Zone’s primary goal is to create a network of allies and members of the LGBTQ+ community. The program educates members on how to address issues involving the community and how to advocate for peers, family members and other acquaintances.

Brave Zone encompasses some of LVC’s ingrained values; the college prides itself on nondiscrimination and inclusivity. A big portion of Brave Zone training focuses on education. Trainees are immersed in situations that members of the LGBTQ+ community often go through, and they will be able to understand the oppression of the community.

Olajiwon McCadney is the assistant director of Intercultural Affairs & Inclusive Programming at the college and the adviser to Brave Zone. He believes that titling the program Brave Zone sug-

gests that members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies will not always feel comfortable in the situations they face, but the program will help to give confidence and resources to be brave in the face of adversity.

“There are sections [of the training] on vocabulary, pronoun usage and why it’s important, understanding gender identity and gender expression, sexual attraction versus sexual orientation and romantic attraction,” McCadney said.

There are currently 150 members involved in the program, including students and faculty. Members can be recognized on campus by a door decal on their dorm, house or office door.

Contact Olajiwon McCadney at mccadney@lvc.edu for more information on the program and how to get involved.

Training dates during the spring semester include:

- Tuesday, March 14, 5-7 p.m. in Clyde A. Lynch Memorial Hall, Room 181
- Sunday, April 2, 1-3 p.m. in Clyde A. Lynch Memorial Hall, Room 187

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person. I spent years trying to find one that worked for me."

Many women who struggle with endometriosis believe there is a need for greater awareness for this condition because chronic bleeding and pain aren't normal.

"There are a ton of women who suffer from this in silence because people think it's all in their head," Hackett said.

March has been officially named Endometriosis Awareness Month. Organizations like Planned Parenthood help women by providing exams, birth control and advice. Donation to Planned Parenthood will continue this help and provide funding for further research.

The Shroyer Health Center can offer a referral to anyone who is unsure of local doctors who can treat endometriosis.

It is hoped that the current research and studies that are taking place will provide better treatment in the future.

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Skizzy Mars to perform at VF



Photos courtesy of Skizzy Mars

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The ValleyFest committee has chosen artist Skizzy Mars to headline ValleyFest 2017. Mars is set to perform the evening of Saturday, April 22, in the Sorrentino Gymnasium.

The ValleyFest committee is looking forward to a successful concert. Students can stay connected with ValleyFest updates by following the Twitter handle @LVCValleyFest.

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Local volunteer opportunity

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African Foundation for Children with AIDS (AFCA) of Lebanon hosts an open warehouse day, a day to pack up medical supplies to be sent overseas, the first Saturday of each month.

Anyone can volunteer on these days, and aiding AFCA has become a recurring service event for LVC students and faculty. Students have the option to participate in the open warehouse days by signing up on Redbook or by contacting Director of Community Service Chaplain Paul M. Fullmer.

Dr. Samuel R. Kolins, assistant professor of mathematical sciences, volunteers with AFCA and participates in the open warehouse days every month. Kolins originally got involved with AFCA two years ago through LVC's Symposium on Inclusive Excellence.

"It's a place where I feel like there's a good mission, and they make good use of the volunteers' time," Kolins said. "You feel like you're actually doing work, and you're



Photos by Brianna Metsger

doing it for a good cause."

LaElla Dickerson, a sophomore criminal justice major, participates in many campus and community service activities, and recently volunteered at an open warehouse day.

"Helping with AFCA was a good experience," Dickerson said. "It made me take a step back and realize that we take things for granted. I think I became more appreciative because of it."

Again, signups are available on Redbook.

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Playing for Yeardley

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One in three women and one in four men will experience an abusive relationship in his or her lifetime.

The LVC women's lacrosse team is committed to eliminating this statistic by ending dating violence and sexual assault on campus by hosting a "One Love" game and workshop in honor of Yeardley Love and the One Love Foundation.

Love was a senior lacrosse player at the University of Virginia. Just weeks shy of her graduation, she was tragically beaten to death by her ex-boyfriend.

"I will never forget learning about Yeardley's death; it was heartbreaking," Jackie Dando, head women's lacrosse coach, said. "It was later discovered there were warning signs of a very unhealthy relationship, and opportunities for those around her to intercede. You never know when you can make a difference in someone's life."



Photo by Rachel Anderson

The One Love Foundation was created in 2010 to honor the memory of Love. This foundation works mainly with college students to raise awareness about relationship violence.

"One Love is an amazing organization that speaks to the important issues that can face college students in their everyday lives," Kirsten Bannan, a junior attacker on the women's lacrosse team, said.

A great way this founda-

tion spreads awareness is through an escalation workshop. This workshop consists of a 40-minute video followed by a discussion to learn the warning signs of relationship violence and how to engage in a change.

"The workshop hopes to teach healthy relationships and particularly focuses on young adult relationships and the impact of social media," Dando said. "The session is facilitated by students, allow-

ing for honest conversations."

Since Love was a lacrosse player, many lacrosse teams around the nation join together in this movement.

The team's goal is to educate the campus community on the warning signs of relationship violence so that others can be empowered to step up and prevent this behavior.

"Our goal in holding the One Love workshop on campus at LVC is to educate students and encourage dialogue about

and awareness of relationship violence," Dando said. "We hope to give students knowledge and confidence to talk to their friends if they recognize signs of abuse."

The lacrosse team is hosting its second escalation workshop on Sunday, March 19, from 6:30-8 p.m. The team is also honoring Love at its "One Love" game held Wednesday, March 22, at 4 p.m. against Elizabethtown College.

"Learning about relationship violence and the warning signs is such an important conversation that could save your life or the life of someone you love," Bannan said. "Being a part of the organization and being able to share their message fills me with joy."

Join the team at the One Love workshop to learn more about relationship violence and how to stop unhealthy behavior. The less this behavior is tolerated, the more lives that can be potentially saved.

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SPORTS

Southern spring break

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For a number of LVC athletic teams, spring break is the perfect opportunity to travel and compete.

The Flying Dutchmen baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis and men's golf teams will all be traveling south to one destination or another over the next 10 days to fit in a couple of vital early-season contests.

Both the baseball and softball teams will be traveling to Florida, with the men heading to Ft. Pierce and the women playing in Clermont. Baseball will play eight games from March 5-9, while softball will also compete in eight games over a five-day stretch.

"Going to Florida is really beneficial for us because we play great competition down there and it's usually our first time to get outside because of the weather here at the Valley," Jon Harned, a junior outfielder, said. "It's

also really fun because it helps bring the team together and improve our chemistry."

The men's golf team is traveling to Whispering Pines, N.C., over a four-day period. They will play at the Country Club of Whispering Pines and Foxfire Resort & Golf Club.

"I'm excited to go because normally at this time of year you don't get to go out and golf on a course," Tyler Cottle, a junior golfer, said. "[Whispering Pines] has always been a place that I have wanted to go to, so it's great that I get to go down with teammates and just have some fun times."

LVC's men's and women's tennis teams will head back to Hilton Head, S.C., for spring break. The women face Catholic, Baldwin Wallace, and Eastern Nazarene throughout the early half of the week. The men also take on Baldwin Wallace and Eastern Nazarene before closing out the trip against Bridgewater.

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Jill's world



Photo courtesy of Jill Moffatt's Instagram

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Jillian Moffatt started her collegiate ice hockey career by setting national and school records. Throughout her freshman campaign, Moffatt, who is originally from Toronto, Ontario, played in every game

for the Valley. She compiled a total of 1,123 saves for a save percentage of 93.7 percent. Moffatt recorded a game high of 92 saves, which is the second-most ever in a women's hockey NCAA DIII game. The record is 101 by Sirena Enright from Chatham set back in 2005.

During the Dutchmen's final game of the season, Moffatt had a shut-out after saving 38 shots. Moffatt is one of the three goalies on the women's ice hockey team and had a total of 1,102 minutes in the net.

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Dance team

5th anniversary showcase



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The LVC dance team will host its 5th annual showcase on Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, at 2 p.m. The showcase will

take place in Leedy Theatre and will highlight various styles of dance including hip-hop, ballet, lyrical, jazz and more. Admission for students is free with a student ID.

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Spring football

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The Lebanon Valley College football team will return to the field for spring practice throughout the month of March.

This will be the first time that the team is back on the field together since the end of last season. The team hopes to build on its three game winning streak to end the 2016 season by carrying some of that momentum to spring practices and eventually to the start of the 2017 season.

"Spring practice helps carry over what we built the season before into the next season," Evan Lysczek, a junior fullback, said. "Less time off the field leads to a smoother transition."

The team will be on the field together 10 to 15 times throughout the course of the month. Spring practices are not in pads because of NCAA regulations, but the team will still be able to

be on the field and work on the mental side of the game.

During their time on the field, the team will focus on being precise in their offensive and defensive schemes. It is a great opportunity for the players to gain more experience within the system.

The players also get a chance to compete with one another during spring ball. The competition comes in the form of live seven on seven drills.

"I hope these workouts serve as an opportunity for our freshmen to begin to develop and own their college craft," Blake Lutz, a junior safety, said. "Throughout the spring, they often are able to get reps that they were unable to get during the season."

The team also uses spring practice as another chance to bond with each other and become closer as a unit.

"We believe putting our selves into uncomfortable situations together will help us

build relationships that will carry over to the field," Lutz said.

The players are extremely focused on improving their skills during each workout and practice. The team is specifically working towards improving consistency in their competition level and increasing their overall athleticism.

"We push and compete with each other everyday in the weight room, on the track and on the field," Lutz said. "We must continue to improve as athletes to compete with Widener, Albright, Delaware Valley and Stevenson."

Spring practice lays down the foundation for training camp and the team's first opponent next fall. As the 2017 football season begins, the team hopes to take advantage of every workout and practice in order to work towards its ultimate goal of winning a Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) championship.

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Saying goodbye to Chaps

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After working for Lebanon Valley College for 12 years, Rev. Dr. Paul Fullmer, chaplain and director of service and volunteerism, has decided to resign his positions to provide support to his parents in his hometown of San Francisco.

"I will miss his positive energy that he shows to everyone," Natalia Smith, administrative assistant for spiritual life, service and volunteerism, said. "When it's bad news, he finds a way to make it positive somehow. Working with someone with such a great sense of humor brightens your day."

Fullmer hopes to continue to be involved in faith by taking on the role as a Chaplain for hospice care or a senior community in California.

"I believe there are guideposts in our experiences," Fullmer said. "Things begin



Photos courtesy of Chaplain Fullmer

to shift and you begin to find yourself in a different relationship or place over and over again. I found in the last three years or so that I have had this wonderful relationship with senior citizens. I feel like this is where the universe is calling me."

Fullmer says that he will miss the service trips the most. "Those are really great experiences and you always develop great relationships with those students," Fullmer said.

Fullmer has been very active at the College and local community during his time at LVC.

When Fullmer was first hired in 2005, spiritual life was solely based on the Christian faith, but Fullmer was dedicated to diversifying the campus by informing students about other faith traditions.

"We want students to be able to demonstrate their

openness to diversity through multicultural affairs and faith," Fullmer said.

During his third year at the College, Fullmer took on the role of being head of community service and Lebanon Val-

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Time for a cure



Photo by Megan Marron

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Students continue to show their generosity and enthusiasm to important causes here at the Valley.

Lebanon Valley College held its 16th annual Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society on Friday, March 24. The event was 12 hours long and ran from 3 p.m. until 3 a.m. According to the American

Cancer Society's website, Relay for Life is "a team fundraising event where team members take turns walking around a track or designated path. Each event is from 6 to 24 hours in length and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps. Cancer patients don't stop because they're tired, and

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Green Dot 5K



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Green Dot hosted a 5K run/walk on Sunday, April 2. The course covered a portion of LVC's campus. The run started and finished behind the home bleachers. Medals were awarded to the top three

runners and walkers. The top three runners were all LVC members: Dr. Samuel Kolins came in first with a time of 19:55, and was closely followed by students Michael Gang and Patrick Clark. The walkers were led by community member Becky Brady,

followed by students Emily Sweeney and Julia Gober. Money raised from the event will help offset costs for Bystander Intervention training sessions and for a Candlelight Vigil that will be held April 24.

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Relay for Life: Greek perspective

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The College's Greek organizations made some of the biggest contribution to LVC's Relay for Life. Each of LVC's Greek chapters focuses on different charitable organizations, from Saint Jude's Children's Hospital to Habitat for Humanity to College Readiness, but every year they all come together to raise money for the American Cancer Foundation. Randi Shultz, a senior psychology and sociology major and president of Gamma Sigma Sigma, believes that her sorority's dedication to Relay goes beyond being a service partner to the American Cancer Society. "There are a lot of sisters who have been affected by cancer in some way, shape or form," Shultz said. "As a chapter, we try to support one another in any way we can." Many members of Greek life share Shultz's beliefs, which contributed to their impressive fundraising. Gamma

Sigma Sigma and Sigma Alpha Iota both raised more than \$1,300 respectively. Alpha Sigma Tau won the award for highest fundraising team by collecting \$4,769.67. "I am very proud to be in Alpha Sigma Tau because of their connection with Relay for Life," Megan Marron, a junior English major and secretary of Alpha Sigma Tau, said. "Our members take it upon themselves to raise money for the American Cancer Society because it is an important cause that has an impact on all of us." But it's not only sororities who contribute to the American Cancer Society. One of Relay's recognizable traditions was actually started by Tau Kappa Epsilon. "For the past 6 years, we've operated a jail at Relay in which attendees can pay to jail their friends for a designated amount of time," Corey Kuchinsky, a senior accounting major and president of Tau Kappa Epsilon, said. "The tradition was adopted by alumni

of our chapter after attending other Relay events. The money is donated to the cause." This year, Tau Kappa Epsilon raised \$500 to donate, \$200 of which came directly from the popular jail cell. Not every Greek Life tradition is purely for fundraising. Relay for Life's opening ceremony included a performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Sigma Alpha Iota, purely for inspiring hope and pride. "[Our] singing the star spangled banner didn't start until recently," Aston Mooday, a junior music and music education major and the recording secretary of Sigma Alpha Iota, said. "I think the people in charge know it is our mission to inspire others through music, so we were asked to do it." Greek life members who attended Relay were encouraged to wear their letters, both to show their pride for their organization and to show other attendees that they were not alone in fighting against cancer. Caitlin Dryden, a junior politics ma-

jor and the president of Phi Sigma Sigma, said that her sorority makes special letters for the event every year, though wearing them this year was a bit of a problem. "Currently, we have a few sisters who are involved in setting up Relay and Colleges Against Cancer in general," Dryden said. "Unfortunately, this year, we had some scheduling conflicts but are planning to work with CAC for a different fundraiser for Relay." Despite veteran members leaving and new members coming, LVC's Greek Life hopes to continue having a large presence and making a large contribution to future Relay for Life events, so one day there will be a world without cancer.

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Book drive



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The students of the Women's Services and Gender Research Center (WSGRC) are collecting books for the Women's Prison Book Project (WPBP), which collects books of all kinds for women and transgender persons in prisons across the country. The drive will continue until Friday, April 7, and will accept fiction, poetry and non-fiction books. The WPBP has

also requested anything from the horror and true crime genre, as well as books about Wicca, art, tattoos, astrology, health, hair, transgender issues, dictionaries and GRE study manuals. For more information or to schedule a drop-off of donations, email Professor Teddi Sakellarides at sakellar@lvc.edu or Tamara Baldwin, student leader of WSGRC at tmb004@lvc.edu.

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Relay for Life: one student's perspective

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Since its start in 2002, LVC's Relay for Life has given students the opportunity to become involved in an exciting fundraiser that is full of activities. Since her freshman year, Vidya Lala, a senior biology and pre-medicine major, has been heavily involved. During her first year, she found an open spot on LVC's Executive Board of Education Chair of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) and worked her way up the ranks each year to Vice-President of CAC her sophomore year, President of CAC her junior year and finally Team Development Chair this past year. "To me, there is something so special about positively influencing the lives around me," Lala said. Throughout the years of her involvement, Lala has helped reach out to people to register for Relay for Life, organized the football and women's basketball teams' Pink Week, the lacrosse team's Crosse Out Cancer event, duct-taping



Photo by Erin Kingham

rian and Dr. Matthew Walkco to a wall to raise money for Relay for Life as well as numerous other events. In addition, she was the contact person if any problems arose the past three years of Relay for Life. Before Lala's involvement at LVC with Relay for Life, she was heavily involved in her high school's Mini THON raising money for the Four Diamond's Fund, which specifically works with children with cancer. "I first became involved with Mini THON in high school, I had no real connection to the disease, but the realization that this disease affects so many lives motivated me to want to do something about it," Lala said. Studying biology and pre-medicine, Lala hopes to have a future ca-

reer in the medical field. "It will be my job to improve the lives of others, but in the meantime I will do the best I can with the skills and resources I already have to make a difference," Lala said. "Even if it is just one person, and that is what drives me to serve others, even if they are a perfect stranger." Lala's experience has helped her gain valuable insight, which she will be able to apply to her future career in the medical field. She's gained inspiration by working with incredible individuals who have dealt with cancer. Through the help of a plethora of volunteers and student volunteers like Lala, LVC's Relay for Life hopes to raise more than \$46,000 by year's end.

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Black Lives Matter course offered

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LVC will offer a course dedicated to the Black Lives Matter movement and its implications starting in the fall semester of 2017.

"Currently, LVC does not have any Black studies majors, minors or courses for students to take," Dr. Cona Marshall, assistant professor of Africana studies, said. "With the current racial climate and neighboring competing colleges and universities offering courses or minors, we thought it would benefit our students to have intellectual capital in these conversations taking place."

Black Lives Matter is a movement that claims commitment to the affirmation of contributions by African American citizens to the United States and the promise of human equality in the face of oppression. "This class will help towards the mission of building 'world-ready students,'" Marshall said. "It will teach students how to wrestle with ideas and cultures different from their own with braveness and kindness."



Graphic courtesy of Black Lives Matter Organization

The course will require students to register for two sequential semesters, one in the fall and the second in the spring. Each semester will focus on the movement from different angles.

"It is my hope that this course provides language to the world around us while also providing courageous, safe and uniting space for all students," Marshall said.

The first semester will cover topics such as the history of racialization in the U.S., critical race theory, intersectionality and queer theory.

During the second semester, the class will look at art, music, literature, film and culture of the Black Lives Matter movement.

"In both semesters, I hope students will come to understand the context, meaning and importance of this contemporary movement for black liberation and civil rights," Dr. Cathy Romagnolo, associate professor and department chair of the English department, said.

The class will meet on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m.

"Professor Marshall and I have very similar teaching styles, so I imagine we will

work perfectly together in the classroom," Romagnolo said.

The course is open to any interested student regardless of major or personal opinions about the movement.

"Students with opposing views make for a lively and engaging classroom," Romagnolo said. "There is always space for us as a community to come to understand one another better, and classes like this have a significant role in making space for that kind of dialogue."

The class fulfills course requirements for religion, philosophy, English and the general education intercultural competence requirement. It will also fulfill a requirement for the upcoming Africana Studies minor.

The class is listed on the new AccessLVC as ENG 390-01, REL 450-02 and PHL 450-02.

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Students reveal their research

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Undergraduate students from across the country were given a unique opportunity to showcase their research at Lebanon Valley College.

The annual installment of The Examined Life (TEL): An Undergraduate Conference in the Liberal Arts was hosted by Lebanon Valley College on March 23 and 24. This year the theme was "The Cultural Politics of Memory." Proposals submitted explored the different ways memory shapes our existence in relation to the Liberal Arts.

Not only did the conference offer students a unique chance to present their work, but it also gave some the opportunity to plan the conference.

"I was approached last semester to be a student planner for TEL Undergrad Conference," Victoria Bubacaz, a senior religion and business administration major, said, "I was honored and gladly accepted. We were in charge of keeping the website and Facebook page updated, answering questions via email, editing the call for papers,



Pictured Left to Right: Sophia Darby, Elise Grape, Anna Quinn
Photo by: Rebekka Carpenter

reading and finally selecting papers for the panels."

Students from LVC were also given a chance to participate in an undergraduate conference without having to travel far away. This opportunity is not given to many students.

"The Examined Life Conference provided me the opportunity to present my work in a professional fashion and receive feedback from peers and professors," Marie Gorman, a senior international studies and Spanish major from LVC, said.

Participants were separated into panels with other students; the panels were open to the public to come and view. These panels gave participants real-life experience in how a conference works.

"I really enjoyed presenting research that I had been working on for over a semester," Megan Kimmel, a senior biochemistry and molecular biology and Spanish major, said. "It was neat to see all of the LVC students who came to the panels, and it was also a

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Global book club

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STAFF WRITER

The global education department and those at Vernon and Doris Bishop Library created a successful global book club this semester. According to library director Sarah Greene, the hopes of the club were to give the college community a better understanding of global and cultural issues.

"The library wanted to start a book club, and I was talking to Jill Russell and Caitlin Murphy about how to expand the college community's understanding of global issues, so it seemed like a perfect fit to partner on the book club," Greene said. "I think literature is a fantastic way to really learn about other people and cultures. It allows you to experience that person's life and circumstances and build empathy for other people."

The books chosen for the book club focused on countries that Greene, Russell and Murphy thought the community would be interested in learning about and that were not commonly well-known, such as the life and culture of Saudi Arabia or South Sudan.

Caitlin Murphy, associate



Photo by Maria Scacchitti

director of the department of global education, felt the book events at the library were successful in exposing the LVC community to global issues.

"We wanted to explore cultural themes, history and global challenges through literature," Murphy said. "We thought a book club would be a great medium for such endeavors. We wanted to help our faculty, staff and students learn about the world through notable books."

In the spring semester, the global book club met to discuss a number of books, but for Greene and Murphy, one book outshone the rest: Their favorite book this semester was "Without You, There is No Us," by Suki Kim.

"It was beautifully written and

I knew very little about North Korea, and it educated me a great deal on the country and its struggles," Greene said.

"This book delved into life behind North Korean borders from the perspective of an undercover journalist. It was absolutely fascinating," Murphy said.

The global book club came to a close this semester with "Devoured," by Sophie Egan, who came to campus to speak as part of the Colloquium Series and was a guest speaker for the book club the week of March 27. The global book club had a great turnout this semester, and members plan on continuing it in the fall.

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Public art project

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Students, faculty and visitors will be able to enjoy a new display of student art work.

In the fall of 2016, students who took the sculpture studio art class under the instruction of Professor Karen Beall, adjunct instructor of art and studio coordinator. The class was based on miniature art works under the conceptual theme of "Dwelling." "Through the lens of society and culture, the project investigates structures that provide shelter and that are considered home in vernacular architecture," Beall said.

After considering what a dwelling can represent, the students spent time researching and developing their work and the message they wanted to convey. Each student then decided what location would best support what he or she was trying to express.

Students then sent their project proposal to a panel

for evaluation; and after it met the panel's criteria, they began creating their pieces.

Now that the pieces are finished, they are on display across campus. The project proposals can be found in the Clyde A. Lynch Memorial Hall. Look below for a complete list of participating students and artwork locations.

Anna Evanko – Clyde A. Lynch Memorial Hall Atrium
Candy Jeishman – Doris and Vernon Bishop Library, vestibule
Micheline Marisco – Rose Garden Chapel
Ja'von Nelson – Sheridan Avenue traffic median at pedestrian crossing
Audrey Reiley – Allan W. Mund College Center, Living Room
Carly Rutter – Clyde A. Lynch Memorial Hall Atrium
Makayla Ware – Peace Garden

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Choir tour 2017: from hardship to harmony



Photo by Rebekka Carpenter

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The 81st annual Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir tour just made its way across Pennsylvania and New York.

The title of the choir's program was "From Hardship to Harmony." It looked at the way music can lift one beyond his or her tragedy from the way it is composed, performed and experienced.

The 52-voice choir led by Dr. Matthew Erpelding, director of choral activities and assistant professor of music education, began with a pre-tour concert on Sunday, March 26, by traveling to St.

Theresa Catholic Church in New Cumberland, Pa.

The tour then left on Thursday, March 30, and traveled to the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Pa.

On Saturday, April 1, the group sang at the Church of Saint Mary in Hudson, NY.

Finally, the choir returned for its homecoming concert held on campus in the Frederick K. Miller Chapel on Sunday, April 2. As in past years, the students attracted a large audience.

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Food festival



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LVC hosted its third annual International Food Festival on Thursday, March 30, in Lebegern Learning Commons.

Students, professors and staff presented tables representative of the food and

cultures of 25 countries. Tour groups of about 20 people each travelled around the world through continents and regions including Africa, Middle East, Asia, South America, Caribbean, North America, Oceania and Europe from 3-6 p.m.



Photos by Kaitlyn Good

The festival was a great success in the provision of a multicultural experience and delicious food. It also promoted the opportunity of study abroad programs for students.

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for one night, neither do we." I can raise money and not feel quite so helpless against this heartless disease."

Events took place throughout the night including a hair-cutting ceremony, a luminaria ceremony in remembrance of those who lost their battles with cancer, performances by the LVC dance team and cheerleaders and a glow hour to round out the night.

"My favorite part of Relay was when the luminaries were lit to honor those who have been affected by cancer," Brianna Metsger, a sophomore English major, said. "It was very powerful and hopeful to see so many people stand together against the disease."

Preregistration was open to students and community members to participate in and fundraise for the event. Each of the 527 participants had his or her own reason to relay.

"Relay matters to me because I have known a few people that have died from cancer and even more that have been affected by it," Holly Mitman, a junior chemistry major, said. "By participating,

There were many speakers who presented throughout the event including, survivor Rey Flores, LVC parent and breast cancer survivor Alexandra Partington and Director of Public Safety Brent Oberholtzer.

The top individual and team fundraisers were announced at the closing ceremony, which was held at 2:50 a.m. The top individual fundraiser was sophomore Madie Szekeres, who raised \$1,561. Alpha Sigma Tau sorority took home the top team spot with \$4,769. All in all, the event raised \$34,620.22. Lebanon Valley College's Relay event was organized by the Colleges Against Cancer Club, which also organizes the popular Pink Week on campus to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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Spring things

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The weather is changing and so are the activities available in Central Pennsylvania. It's time to leave the dorm room and enjoy the outdoors. Depending on one's interest, there's an abundance of activities to do this spring. If exercising is an interest, hiking might be an option. Carolyn Bethel, a junior music business major, said that if she isn't inside her dorm room watching Netflix, she's outside hiking with friends. "My favorite places to hike are Quittie Park or Governor Dick," Bethel said. "They're really beautiful places to go." "They're both relatively close to LVC, and if you want some fresh air or exercise while getting a break from school work, I would highly recommend going." Hiking is not the only outdoor activity found in central Pa. Depending on what type of activities one wants to partake in, Hershey is home to a few different options. Adventure Sports opened for the season on April 1. There are many activities that are offered there, including mini golf, go-karts, laser tag, bat-

ting cages and an arcade. Daniel Sweeney, a sophomore accounting major, has been frequenting Adventure Sports for many years. "I can't tell you how many times I've been at the driving range," Sweeney said. "It's a cool thing that my buddies and I do when it's cool in April – they have really good ice cream, which is a selling point." Another option in Hershey is Springtime in the Park. Hersheypark will be opening for two weekends, April 8-9 and April 14-16, for its spring season. During these weekends, Hersheypark will be debuting its newest ride, the Hershey Triple Tower, and it will also be opening its very own Chick-fil-A. There are also a few minor league baseball teams to cheer on, including the Harrisburg Senators, Lancaster Barnstormers and the Reading Fightin Phils, who all begin their seasons in April.

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Crosse out cancer

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Lebanon Valley College's men's lacrosse program will hold its fifth annual Crosse Out Cancer game Saturday, April 8. During the game, the Flying Dutchmen will wear unique purple jerseys that have been designed by Baker Landon, a senior captain and digital communications major. "It's a lacrosse game that you're not playing for yourself," Landon said. "You're not playing for your teammates. You're not even playing for LVC; you're playing for a cause. It gives you the chance to put on a jersey and contribute to the fight that millions battle each day against cancer." The team honors Pat Cullinan '79 during each Crosse Out game. Cullinan was a four-year starter and a two-year captain on the LVC lacrosse team who passed away from pancreatic cancer in 2015. The players invite the Cullinan family to the game and present them with one of the jerseys featuring Cullinan's number and last name. The team is also selling t-shirts featuring a purple ribbon and



Photo courtesy of Brett Kudlak

wristbands to the public. "The Crosse Out Cancer game and auction allow student-athletes to raise awareness by engaging the LVC community," Alex Bushong, a junior attackman, said. "Not only raising awareness by representing the cause on the field, but also making it possible for the community to bid on our game worn jerseys with the proceeds befitting a great cause." The jerseys will be auctioned off online through a link on GoDutchmen.com, as well as in-person during the game. All proceeds from auction, t-shirt and wristband sales and donations collected will go to the Amer-

ican Cancer Society to support the fight against cancer. "It goes to show you how much of a positive impact sports can have in this world and how humbling it can be when you're the one making that impact," Landon said. "It's truly an honor and a pleasure playing in the Crosse Out Cancer game each year." The men's lacrosse team will host Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth opponent Albright at 1 p.m. on the day of the event. The team is hoping to raise more than the \$3,000 it raised last year.

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Ballin'

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The squeaking of sneakers mixes with joyful cries and determined grunts as two teams fiercely battle for a loose ball; it's intramural basketball at LVC, and 15 teams are competing for the chance at the championship. Omnipotent ESPN is not present nor does a vast crowd of fans cheer and chant with reckless abandon. But there does exist a great amount of passion and pride as group of friends continue James Naismith's dream. The quality of the teams greatly differs. The hallmark of intramural basketball rests in its diversity. Science majors mix with long and lanky English majors. Muscular gridiron warriors compete against speedy soccer stars. Freshmen outduel upperclassmen. It is an assortment of student athletes that results in a variety of strategies



Photo by Jennifer Phung and Patrick Maxwell

and skills. It is not a homogeneous league with similar schemes. Instead, intramural basketball thrives on diverse skill sets and stratagems. Austin Miller, captain for the Hoopers, enjoys the competition.

"Winning, that is my favorite part," Miller said. The Hoopers had a tough year on the court, but the team remembers a moment when one of their teammates was dunked upon, and they chuckle together in memory,

spinning laughter from defeat. "My favorite part of IM basketball is the opportunity to play a sport I enjoy and not have to worry about homework," David To, another Hooper, said. Schoolwork is the bane of

intramural basketball. Often, teams play with few or zero substitutes because of a pesky paper that must be written or a tough test to study for. A starting five is never solidified. An understated but important and critiqued slice of intramural basketball resides with the referees. It is a tough enough job for professionals, but the fellow students who call the games do their best. Each ref has a different view on his or her job. "I love the people," Sam Light, a referee, said, vocal and friendly. Fellow ref Andrew Capodanno said he just loves basketball, while Isaac Reese traveled the cynical and humorous route. "I like hearing everyone complain," Reese said. Even though, the sidelines are not as raucous as Cam-

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good opportunity to learn what it's like to be on a panel."

The conference was also open to students across the country. Participants traveled from as close as Albright College in Reading, Pa., to as far away as Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.

"The conference was a huge learning experience, and it was such a phenomenal opportunity to engage with like-minded students in our niche of interest," Elise Grape, a senior religion and biology major from Wheaton College, said. "The undergraduate religion and philosophy world is a small one on most campuses, and we often end up limited by the expertise of our professors and the resources that are available to us. This conference expanded on the resources and provided exposure to a variety of work that these students from different institutions had created."

At the end of the conference, a panel of judges picked the top three papers that were awarded cash prizes. This year's runners-up were Anna Quinn, a senior

global studies and Spanish double major from LVC, and Sophia Darby, a senior religion and music double major from Wheaton College.

The award for best paper was given to Elise Grape. "That is the real value of learning opportunities like this," Grape said. "We network ideas as much as we network with people, and LVC created the space to do that."

Overall, the conference was a success for all the participants as they expanded their networks, strengthened their public speaking skills, displayed their hard work and received feedback on their research. It was a unique experience that will be a great addition to their résumés.

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Division III Week: April 3-9

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Lebanon Valley College is devoted to creating successful students who succeed in a variety of disciplines, even athletics.

Each year, the NCAA dedicates one week to the commitment of Division III athletes and the impact of those individuals on college campuses. LVC athletics contributes to the celebration by featuring the academic and athletic accomplishments of players at the Valley during DIII week, which began April 3 and will conclude on April 9.

"During DIII Week, our initiative is to promote the importance of Division III principles in creating well rounded students in the classroom and on the field of play," Tom Klemick, LVC's director of athletic communications, said.

A large percentage of students participate in athletics at the Valley, and they all demonstrate leadership, participate in community service and are involved on campus. Through each individual's time as a DIII athlete, he or she is able to develop his or her passion and love of the

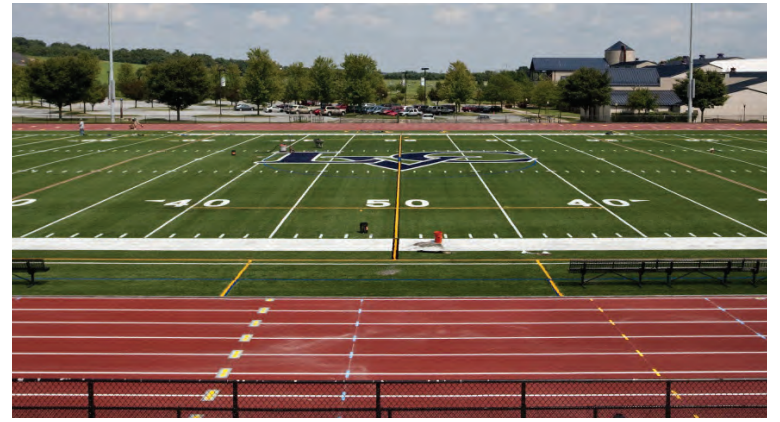


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game without losing sight of other personal ambitions.

"Playing a Division III sport in college has affected me in a multitude of ways academically, athletically and socially," Josh Herring, a freshman business administration major and member of the baseball team, said. "I have been able to enhance my study habits and work ethic due to the limited time available for homework during the season. I have also been blessed with teammates from all class years that have assisted me in my skill set with the game of baseball, all while becoming the best of friends at the same time."

Division III athletics has also contributed other benefits

to student-athletes, and for many, the DIII aspect of LVC was a large reason they decided to commit to the Valley.

"I chose to play a DIII sport because I love the game, and I wanted to continue playing through college, which LVC allowed me to do," Emma Jones, a junior biology major and captain of the women's lacrosse team, said. "I also love being united with a team."

All are encouraged to continue following and celebrating Dutchmen athletics during the remainder of Division III Week. Event schedules can be found online at www.godutchmen.com.

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eron Indoor Stadium, there still exist zealous fans cheering on their team. Jennifer Phung is dating a basketball star and, thus, is a regular fixture on the sidelines. Her favorite part about intramural basketball is trying to distract the other team.

Intramural basketball mirrors collegiate basketball in many ways. Players have four years to shine before moving on to other pursuits. Games are played solely for the love of the sport. There is no monetary reward. In fact, a stereotypical schoolmaster would say studying is a better use of time over playing a dead-end game. Because of these circumstances, it is one of the purest forms of basketball that can be found. Only the kissing of cords and a jump ball are enough to satisfy.

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ley Education Partnership (LVEP).

Fullmer was able to enhance the community service experience by providing additional opportunities to get involved in as well as organizing the spring break service trips.

"It seemed like such a natural way to prepare students for the working world," Fullmer said. "With community service, we can demonstrate to perspective employers that students get out there and serve the community."

Fullmer has also been active in teaching classes in scripture, religion and Greek.

As Fullmer's 12th and final year comes to a close, he looks back on all of the memories he has shared and encourages both faculty and students to continue to reach out to the local community of Annville.

"What has been so fun are the projects that have come from students caring," Fullmer said. "Ev-



Photo courtesy of Chaplain Fullmer

ery idea is great and it's so wonderful and meaningful." Fullmer says that he will definitely return to LVC to visit and remain in contact with

his close friends in the area. Fullmer will conclude his time at LVC in June.

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Jones surpasses 100 career goals

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Photo by Kevin Strack

Emma Jones scored her 100th career goal during the women's lacrosse game against Muhlenburg on Sunday, March 26.

Jones is a junior midfielder and captain. She finished the game with four goals, one assist and three draw controls.

She was recently named MAC Commonwealth Player of the Week, ECAC Player of the Week, MAC Commonwealth All-Conference First-Team and WLCA Metro Region Second-Team in 2016.

Jones is the seventh woman to join the 100 club and is headed to 200 points this season.

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SPORTS

Running for success

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The Lebanon Valley College track and field team is looking to build off its success during the indoor season.

The team is currently training in preparation for the outdoor season. Expectations are high for the Dutchmen, and the team is specifically looking for big contributions from Olivia Jendrzejewski, Lauren Decker, Terrence Habiyaemye and Ian McGinnis. They had a great deal of success throughout the indoor season, specifically at the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) championships.

Jendrzejewski was named an All-American during the indoor season after placing third in the high jump at the NCAA DIII Championship. In addition to Jendrzejewski, Decker and Habiyaemye earned all-region honors for their efforts



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during the indoor season.

The Dutchmen hope to continue their strong performance throughout the outdoor season.

"Indoor is a good preparation for our outdoor season, and we get a few weeks in between

to really push ourselves before meets start," Katie Goldsmith, a sophomore sprinter, said. "We are all really anxious to see where we are at."

"We are working very hard," Blake Lutz, a junior hurdler and sprinter, said. "The end

goal is to compete for a Middle Atlantic Conference championship this spring as a team."

Lutz, who was the MAC champion in the decathlon last year, is recovering from an ACL tear in the fall, but hopes to contribute to the team's success this spring.

"My goal is to complete my recovery and then begin to build off the momentum from the end of last year," Lutz said.

The team opened competition for the spring season at the Millersville Metrics event on April 1. They will also compete at the renowned Penn Relays held at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia on April 27 and 28.

All of the competition and events will culminate with the MAC championships at DeSales University on May 4-6.

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Dance team's fifth annual showcase



Photo by Lyndsay Riedel

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The LVC dance team presented its fifth annual showcase in Leedy Theater on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1. The showcase consisted of 31 numbers, including a special alumni performance on Saturday afternoon. Although the showcase has ended, the team will be performing at ValleyFest and other small events during the remainder of the semester.

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Student vs. Faculty Charity Basketball Game

Over the past few years, nearly \$3,000 was raised from this event alone for Practical Compassion, an organization that helps sustain health and employment opportunities for Haitians!



Contact Caitlin Murphy at cmurphy@lvc.edu if you are interested in participating in this event!

Friday, April 7 at 4 p.m.
Main Gymnasium

Hardwood hardware

COLLIN MOORE '18
STAFF WRITER

For the 2016-2017 campaign, the Lebanon Valley College basketball team had yet another winning season, and it came with the help of their two key players, Andy Orr and Sam Light.

This year the Dutchmen went 16-11 as well as reaching the MAC Commonwealth semifinal game against Lycoming College, who became the conference champions for the second year in a row. Although the team did not reach their main goal, Orr and Light were recognized for their success, including the achievement of scoring 1000 career points each.

Light, the junior guard from Jonestown, Pa., averaged 22.4 points per game and recorded a career high 46 points in December when the Dutchmen played against Albright. Light reached his 1000th point in the 76-70 loss.

Light was named First-Team all MAC, which was

the second year he had won this award, and he was honored for the ECAC First-Team All-Star nomination.

"It feels really good to win an award especially when you have other teammates that are recognized for their success too," Light said. "But I would rather have a MAC championship under my belt by the time my college career is over."

Orr, the junior forward from Wernersville, Pa., averaged 18.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. Against Misericordia, Orr posted 32 points and seven rebounds in the 85-90 overtime loss, where he made the record books as being another 1000 point scorer for the program.

Last season Orr was named the conference player of the year, and although he did not receive the award this season, he was still named First-Team all MAC and was also nominated for All-Region by D3hoops.com. Additionally, Orr and Light

were named All-District by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). Also, for the second consecutive season, the juniors had been named All-Area by the City of Basketball Love (CoBL). "It's great for anyone to receive individual accolades, but the team comes first; as a team we want to win a championship, and I will not be content until we do," Orr said.

All Dutchmen players will return except senior captain Travis Conrad. The team plans on having a very successful season with hopes of winning the MAC championship. A MAC championship would mean an automatic bid to the Division III basketball tournament.

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Letter from the President

Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2017! Four years ago in my La Vie welcome letter, I noted that you had chosen a College with a well-deserved reputation for academic quality and an ethos of active engagement in learning, service and leadership development. Over the last four years, you have not only been active contributors in your own experience; you have also shaped this community with your efforts. Your class has continued the long tradition of leaving a legacy of goodwill for future classes to model. You have been connected through the years with our outstanding group of faculty and staff. They have guided you with the highest level of expertise in their fields, and



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they have taught you skills that will last a lifetime. Your generation demands preparedness for a global marketplace. I know the education you have received at Lebanon Valley will provide you with a foundation for success within your chosen careers. In preparation for Commencement, I have already signed your diplomas.

What an impressive array of majors and of honors gained! I know you will enjoy these final weeks as an undergraduate. But please know—we want and expect you to return to campus frequently in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
Lewis E. Thayne, Ph.D.
President

CONGRATS TO THE CLASS OF 2017!

Best of luck in the future!



396 students are expected to receive degrees in May



11 states are represented



2 countries are represented:
India & Japan



Thank you for your contributions to the LVC community.

Best of luck as you move forward. Make sure you keep in touch, you will be missed!

- Student Affairs

Senior class gift drive

Theresa Messenger '18
Staff Writer

Giving is ubiquitous at the Valley, and each year the senior class takes on a great responsibility in the common movement.

Compiled of senior student government members and other dedicated individuals, the senior gift drive committee (SGDC) was tasked to raise funds and give back to the greater good of the College. This year, the class has chosen to support beautification efforts of the campus. "Our senior classes wanted to raise funds for something tangible that years from now, as alumni, we could look back and see what our efforts were going towards," Brendon Irving, a senior biology major and class president, said. "As a result, it was suggested that we donate the funds we raised to the development of the park between the practice fields and newly renovated Shankroff Tennis Center on the north side of campus." With the participation of



Photo by Jordan Ott

donors, the class was able to raise more than \$4,056 and had more than 106 donors accounted for. "We are also very fortunate to have an alumnus that had challenged the senior class to secure over 100 donors total before April 13," Irving said. "His name is Richard Harper '81, and he gave \$1,866 to the Valley Fund because we reached 100 donors before Easter Break. The Valley Fund allows the College to fulfill its immediate needs and is used to carry out daily operations of the College. This gift will allow our class to support future

generations of Dutchmen." Achieving the goals that the committee set in place was successful, but there was a lot of thought and hard work that contributed to the accomplishments. "Securing over \$2,300 was not an easy feat, however, by building relationships with our peers and explaining how important donating is for future LVC students, we were able to make a significant impact," Irving said. "All of our efforts were made possible by collaborating with our wonderful advisor, Jordan Ott, assistant director of annual giving."

In effort to keep the senior class motivated and involved in the funding of this project, the SGDC hosted a kick off tailgate along with a senior madness tournament. The committee also agreed that to ramp up the excitement from their peers, their funding goals should be something that their class members would value. "What motivated us to stick with \$20.17 and \$1,866 as personal and overall goals, respectively, was the prospect that the money could be going to the enrichment of [the College]," Irving said. "Keeping LVC strong is something that should be important to all LVC students because it protects the value of the degree you earn at LVC. The better LVC looks, the better your degree looks to employers. LVC is a place that we want to last for as long as possible, and donating money makes this dream a seeable reality." Senior students were very receptive of the goals put in place by the SGDC and all who participated in the drive

did so for very similar reasons. "College is such a wonderful opportunity to grow in knowledge, maturity, friendship and experiences," Danielle Gehman, a senior physical therapy major, said. "Lebanon Valley College has fostered the growth of so many students thanks to the faculty, administration, staff members and alumni who have sacrificed time, finances and resources to help make our college experience a good one. For this reason, out of thanksgiving, I wanted to be a part of donating to the senior gift drive." According to Irving, the senior gift drive committee helps to support LVC's greatest needs, including the beautification of the campus and day-to-day operational costs. This committee also has a hand in making LVC possible and affordable for the 98 percent of LVC undergraduates who receive financial aid.

Senior reflections: What made your time at LVC extraordinary?

DANIELLE COOK '17, STAFF WRITER



“The English Department – professors Machado, Wendt, Clark, Grieve-Carlson, and Billings especially – the friends I’ve made, intramural sports, the Annville sky, and Christian Life.” – Adam Evanko, English major.



“The English Department, by far, has made my time at LVC amazing. I feel that I’ve improved as a whole so much because of my professors, and they are a large part of why I am happy and proud of my experiences here.” – Cheyenne Heckermann, English major.



“The tight knit community that is LVC. It’s easy to make great friends and grow as a person. Didn’t mind given’er with the hockey team either.” – Joey LaBonte, English major.



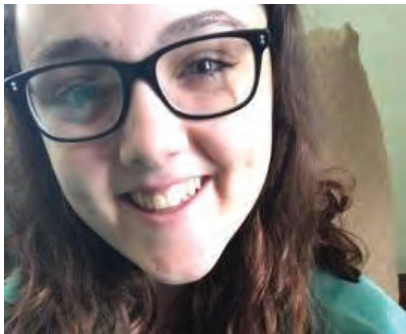
“The wonderful friends I made in different groups. Being part of Greek Life gave me a chance to make new friendships that will last a lifetime. I have met so many people that have helped me make amazing memories here at LVC and I cannot thank them enough.” – Anna Maxwell, political science/criminal justice major.



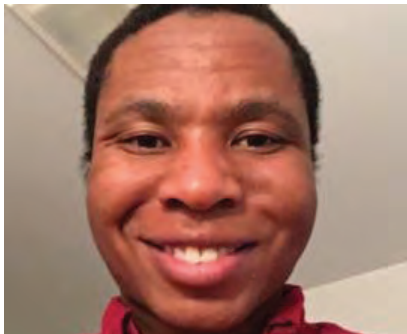
“My special time came from being part of a team sport in cross country. The camaraderie helped my confidence flourish and gave me an outlet for my naturally social nature! And I got to compete and that’s the most amazing feeling!” – Jeannette Tropp, digital communications major.



“For me, my friends are what made LVC extraordinary. In high school, I was a quiet, shy kid, but once I came to the Valley, I became more extroverted. This led to me befriending most of campus and becoming a part of a giant, amazing family of friends and peers.” – Nick Irick, chemistry major.



“I love the tight-knit family link that the LVC community has. The psych department has been amazing at helping me reach my goals. Also, joining Gamma Sigma Sigma gave me a home at LVC. I love those girls and they are a huge reason why I’ve loved LVC these past four years. I’m sad to be leaving such a fantastic school, but I will always be proud to be a Dutchman.” – Randi Shultz, psychology/sociology major.



“My time here at Lebanon Valley College has been extraordinary because of all the people I met. I may not be friends with everyone, but every single person I have met here has helped me grow in some way. In the end, the people we interact with are the ones that help to make our lives meaningful.” – Darryl McClish, psychology major.



“Being able to start an animal club at LVC and meeting new people who also have a passion for animals was certainly extraordinary to me. I built stronger relationships with people, especially my professors in and out of class, and they expressed how much they care about me even if I no longer had class with them. It was great to gain more experience and learn new skills by doing what I love.” – Desiree Ruiz, psychology major.

Financial freedom

DANIELLE COOK '17
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There is no escaping the fact that college is expensive, but students don’t have to be buried in debt forever. Because LVC is a private college, tuition is rather costly with the annual rate for the 2016-2017 year averaging \$51,530 for residents and \$40,440 for commuters.

The College tries to minimize that price for students, offering grants and scholarships to almost the entire student body, but at the end of four years, a lot of loans have been taken out. But that doesn’t mean students can’t pay it back. Kendra Feigert, director of LVC financial aid, explained how students can

use a few resources to monitor and repay their loans. “Student loan borrowers should monitor their federal loan borrowing using the National Student Loan Data System,” Feigert said. “There are several repayment options available. The loan servicer will be able to counsel student borrowers on which repayment option

is best for their situation.” The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) allows a student to easily monitor his or her loan activity and is equipped to handle repayment for both federal loans and private loans. There are also several different payment plans for student loans after graduation, the same as there are for

college enrollment. Because loan payments generally start about six months after graduation, payment plans could be useful for students who want to pay off their debt as quickly as possible without destroying their savings.

Continuing education

REBEKKA CARPENTER '18
STAFF WRITER

With graduation quickly approaching, seniors need to decide whether to enter the workforce or to continue their education.

For some seniors, continuing their education will get them closer to the job they dream of obtaining. The process of applying for graduate school can be long and complicated. Seniors have to juggle filling out applications and attending interviews while finishing their undergraduate degree.

For many students, however, there's hope when they receive their first acceptance letter. This is the start of a whole new part of the process: where does one go?

"Of the schools that accepted me, I am currently trying to decide between the M.S. in Higher Education program at the University of Pennsylvania and the M.Ed. in Higher Education program at Penn State," Sharon Sees, a senior health science and Spanish major, said.

Other seniors have already decided where they are attending and are traveling far away from Lebanon Valley College to do so.

"I was accepted to the University of Florida to pursue a masters of music in wind conducting," Michael Halco-

vage, a senior music education major, said. "I will have a graduate assistantship where I will work with the University of Florida bands, which includes the athletic bands and concert bands."

Some students who have made their decisions are looking into building a global career with a graduate degree.

"I was accepted into and will be attending Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) for their Master of International Affairs with a concentration in economic and political development and a regional specialization in Africa," Patrick Maxwell, a senior self-designed international business and economics and global studies dual major, said. "After graduating I plan to pursue a career with a development-focused multilateral institution to help countries in Africa employ programs which engender positive economic growth."

LVC has laid the foundation for these graduating students; now it is time for them to move on and fine-tune their education in order to build the careers they have planned so hard for.

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Alumni keeping in touch

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There are plenty of ways to stay involved at Lebanon Valley College as an alumnus; there is no need to say goodbye for good.

LVC has an active and growing network of alumni who participate in a multitude of events following graduation, and it all starts in the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement.

Housed behind the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library in Laughlin Hall, the office of Alumni and Parent Engagement is involved in many events here at the Valley. Sue Sarisky Jones, a graduate of Lebanon Valley College, is the director of alumni and parent engagement and holds a wealth of information about how to stay involved post-graduation.

"Graduates can stay connected with the Valley by keeping [the alumni office] posted with [their] contact information, including mailing address and email so we can send event invitations, The Valley Magazine, etc," Jones said.

In terms of involvement events, alumni should always keep an eye on the event calendar on the LVC website. There are often fun events scheduled just for LVC graduates. For example, there will be events

this summer at a Lancaster Barnstormers game, Hersheypark and Knoebels.

"The office of Alumni and Parent Engagement hosts events on and off campus throughout the year so that alums can gather to network, socialize and stay connected," Jones said.

One of the biggest alumni events of the year is Homecoming, which is scheduled for Oct. 13-15, 2017. Invitations to this event will be mailed out to alumni, which is why it is important to keep address information up to date.

"There is nothing like Homecoming weekend," Jones said. "This year is my 25th class reunion so I am especially looking forward to this one."

Graduates also have access to the Handshake system and are encouraged to register their employers with Handshake so that openings and internships can be shared with current students.

Utilizing the Lebanon Valley College alumni network is something that all graduates should do, because it is never clear exactly where connections will take you in life.

To contact the office Alumni and Parent Engagement, email alumni@lvc.edu or check out the office's page on the LVC website.

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Senior advice column

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"Enjoy college life! It moves way too fast, so embrace every minute and every opportunity at LVC and have fun!" - Elyse Kufera, English major



"PUT. THAT. PHONE. DOWN. And don't stress out. Everything will click." -Terrence Habiaremye, biology major



"You will settle in. It takes more time than you'd like, but it's worth it." - Danielle Cook, English/biology major



"When a professor says, 'don't wait until the night before,' don't take that as a challenge. Don't procrastinate!" - Brennan Thompson, accounting/business administration major



"Join more clubs. It's okay to ask for help academically." - Kaleigh Hoover, English/psychology major

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Extended career help

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Senior year is the time the Center for Career Development assists students in preparing to transition and launch into life beyond LVC; senior year is most critical in that preparation.

The Center helps connect a student's college experience with his or her career goals. The office provides information to equip and empower students to pursue their paths, whether they are planning to go to graduate or professional school, exploring fellowship or one-year options or working to land a first job.

Sarah Bartz, Associate Director of Career Development, believes now is the time to integrate the experiences, knowledge and self-discovery of the past four years into a



Photo by Sammi Hummer

job or graduate school search.

"Our role is to provide assistance and resources which will lead to a successful transition - be it a part or full-time position, a post-graduate internship, graduate school, service or volunteer work or the military," Bartz said. "Utilizing Career Development is a step in the right direction, no matter what stage of the pro-

cess you find yourself in right now - we are here to help."

The Center for Career Development offers many services for all students, but for seniors the staff's expertise is largely advertised and readily available. Staff members offer career counseling and coaching, mock interviews and plenty of networking events.

"Our office can help you

connect to alumni mentors and other professionals; we suggest that you make a continued effort to stay in touch with those you know - faculty, friends, family, administrators and staff, supervisors, coaches and alumni," Bartz said. "We always tell students that the more people who know what it is you are looking for, the better chance you will have of finding opportunities."

May 13 is not the last day a senior will be allowed to seek help from the Center for Career Development. Recent graduates and alumni can continue to use this resource for assistance. The staff members are there to help in any way they can.

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Fulbright finalist heads to Bulgaria

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Lebanon Valley College is proud to announce that another student has been accepted for a Fulbright Fellowship.

Megan Lough, a senior English major, earned this prestigious fellowship and will be spending her first year after graduation teaching English and literature to Bulgarian high school students.

"I was accepted for the English teaching assistant position in Bulgaria and I'm really excited," Lough said.

Per the Fulbright Program's website it is an "exchange program offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide."

"I am an English secondary education major, and it combines two things I feel really passionate about, literature and teaching," Lough said. "My application was

centered on literature being a tool for teaching language, culture and empathy."

Lough claims that much of her success comes from the assistance of her professors.

"The English department, along with the education department, has helped me find my own voice," Lough said.

"So I can help others find their own voice through literature."

While in Bulgaria, Lough aims to do more than just teach English.

"I hope to work with the BEST Foundation," Lough said. "They help teenagers interpret and think critically about literature, then debate it and discuss it with others."

After finishing her fellowship, Lough plans to come back to the U.S. and find a teaching job. She hopes her experiences will create a globalized classroom.

Lough encourages people considering the Fulbright Fellowship to apply.

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Seniors again

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STAFF WRITER

For so many of our seniors, we celebrate the accomplishments they have made in their undergraduate careers here at the Valley; this commencement is their final bow.

But for some students, this ceremony will only be the summation of the first act in their academic careers. Seniors in the six-year physical therapy program who walk the commencement stage are not at the finish line just yet.

"The real graduation I want to be at is in two years," Yale Maier, a fourth-year PT major said. "Receiving my health sciences degree is merely a stepping stone in my professional career. There's lot more work to do."

After receiving their undergraduate degrees in health sciences, the upcoming fifth year of the doctorate program for the physical therapy students will involve completing clinical rotations over the summer before returning to campus. Maier plans on completing his rotation in Charleston, S.C.

For the sixth-year students, commencement marks the

end of a long journey. They will be presented to family and friends as doctors of physical therapy. Nicole Kracum, a sixth-year PT major, remembers what it was like to graduate two years ago.

"I didn't feel like I was done," Kracum said. While she had the opportunity to walk with her fellow classmates, she felt different.

"Everyone else was graduating, moving on with their careers, and I still had another two years," Kracum said.

When the graduating sixth-years were announced at her commencement, she was instantly reminded of this fact. "Listening to the sixth years being announced as doctors was unnerving. I knew that was going to be me. It gave me the chills."

According to Kracum, coming back to LVC campus for her final two years was an indifferent feeling.

"All of your friends were gone. They've graduated," Kracum said. She kept in contact with many of her friends from undergrad, but they were starting their

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Olvany embarks on Fulbright Fellowship

MARIA SCACCHITTI '18

STAFF WRITER

As her journey as a Dutchman comes to a close, senior biochemistry and molecular biology major Jasmine Olvany prepares to embark on a new journey.

Olvany has accepted a research position in Budapest, Hungary, as a Fulbright Fellow. After studying abroad during the summer of her sophomore year, she realized her desire to travel and drive to apply what she has learned at LVC abroad.

"[Going abroad] lit a fire in me," Olvany said. "I knew I wanted to be part of a greater world."

While at LVC, Olvany has participated in multiple research opportunities, including three different projects here on campus and one summer of research abroad this past summer in Hungary as a part of Dr. Timothy Peelan's research grant.

Olvany knew she wanted to return to Hungary in the fall as a Fulbright Fellow, even though she's not continuing the same research from this past summer. She fell in love with the country, the people she met and

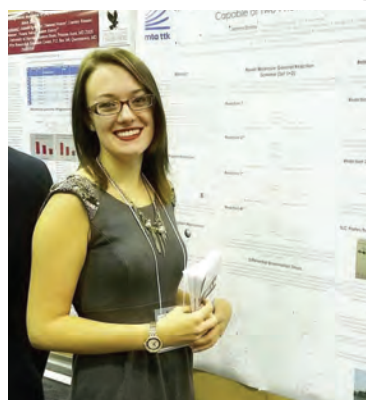


Photo from Jasmine Olvany

the lab where she worked.

"I wanted to step out of my comfort zone," Olvany said. "Eastern Europe is distinct. I knew going back would push me beyond my boundaries. I am confident with the skills I have learned from LVC. I've done so much research here that I am confident I could go abroad and produce viable research."

With her grant, Olvany plans on doing discovery research to gain a better understanding of the cell membrane. She will be developing fluorescent dyes that should allow scientists to get a clearer image of the cell membrane, which could allow a better understanding of passage time and diffusion of drugs through the cell.

Olvany credits LVC for the wonderful opportunities that have been given to her; she feels that no other school could have gotten her to where she is today, both as a scientist and as a person.

"Had I gone to any of the other institutions I applied to, I would never be here," Olvany said. "I have lots to thank [LVC]."

While at LVC, Jasmine has been a Residential Assistant (R.A.) for three years and worked on multiple research projects for two years. She is also the president of the chemistry club, the historian of Tri-Beta Honor Society for Biology and is currently attempting to establish an honor society for art with junior Audrey Reiley. Her favorite part of being a Dutchman has been being a R.A.

"Being an R.A. has helped me stay in tune of what it means to be an LVC student," Olvany said.

After completing her fellowship, Jasmine plans to attend Case Western University, where she will work for her Ph.D. in biomedical science.

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Doctor in the making

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Vidya Lala, a senior biology and pre-medicine major, will graduate from LVC, and although she has had success within her academics, her engagement with school activities will be remembered most.

The reigning homecoming queen was born in Trichardt, South Africa, and lived there until she was four. She moved to the U.S. when her father received a job offer in Pennsylvania.

Lala is not alone at LVC. Her sister, Amisha, is a sixth year physical therapy major. With Lala's sister joining her on campus, her development as a college student was less difficult than it would have been if she were alone.

"When I was applying, my sister was in her sophomore year," Lala said. "My parents wanted me to attend LVC, as they felt that it was

a home away from home."

Although Amisha was already a college student when Lala was still enrolled in high school, LVC was not her first option for higher education.

"I dreamed of going to UCLA and was accepted both there and at UC Berkeley," Lala said. "However, due to tuition and distance from home, I was unable to attend either one of these schools. So I chose to enroll at the University of Pittsburgh; until Dr. Dale Erskine called me at home and asked me to reconsider LVC, stating that I was one of three students to have received the Graham Biology scholarship."

Although her dreams for her college destination did not go as planned, she still made the best out of her opportunity attending LVC. On the Board of Trustees, Lala serves as a student trustee. She is heavily involved



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with Colleges Against Cancer. She played a major role with helping with mini-THON and activities such as ValleyFest and Circle K.

In the fall of 2014, Lala was inducted into the Sigma Alpha Pi Leadership and Success Honors Society and Tri Beta Biology Honor Society. In the spring of 2016 she

was inducted into the Chemistry Honor Society and in the spring of 2017, she was inducted in the Pi Alpha Epsilon Society. Lala has received many accolades throughout her college years, and she believes that it helped make her a better student and person.

"Throughout my four years, I have been given many op-

portunities to develop as a leader and explore my true potential; something that I am certain I would not have been able to achieve if I went to a larger institution," Lala said.

After graduation, she plans to become a medical practitioner and has been accepted to a few medical schools. Although she has not made a decision, she is currently working as a medical scribe in the emergency department at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. The job has given Lala an abundance of experience and provided many opportunities to become familiar with the various cases she might be exposed to for her dream job as a doctor.

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Internship pays off

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Jess Charlton, a senior self-designed global management and marketing communications major, has gained real world job experience since her freshman year; it's paid off—she has a job offer!

Charlton worked with alumna Jan White '09 and Major League Baseball's Atlanta Braves to complete a field study during her first year at the College. This study made Charlton realize she enjoyed working in the sports industry, which led her to apply for an internship with the Harrisburg City Islanders, a professional soccer club.

"With the Islanders, I enjoyed working with every aspect of a professional setting," Charlton said.

Throughout her sophomore year, Charlton worked as a marketing and graphic design intern for the City Islanders. The minor-league club enabled Charlton to work with every department. Charlton communicated with the operations, ticketing, management, marketing and many other departments on a regular basis.

When the academic year concluded, an employee at the Islanders helped Charlton find a summer intern-



Photo from Jess Charlton

ship with Manchester United Football Club, a professional soccer team in England.

During the summer between her sophomore and junior year, Charlton interned as the interim executive marketing assistant with Manchester United and Euro Sports Camps. She completed a variety of tasks, including copy editing articles, blog posts, and news releases as well as social media management. She also acted as a liaison between the soccer club and Nike to host soccer camps for the youth.

"With my England internship, I had to learn to adjust to different cultures," Charlton said. "I was working in England, but I was working with individuals from all over the world."

Charlton returned to the

Valley for the fall of her junior year and then headed back to Europe in the spring to study at the Umbra Institute in Italy.

At the beginning of her senior year, Charlton was reconnected with the Islanders and became the team's creative manager. The organization is rebranding and Charlton is in the forefront of that task. She is still a full-time student but manages to also be a part-time employee.

"We go to a smaller school and students may not see the possible connections," Charlton said. "However, Harrisburg is a major city with many international connections."

All of Charlton's work has paid off; the City Islanders have offered Charlton a full-time job after her graduation.

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Staying Greek

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Life after graduation can be tough; the academic world that surrounded students for more than 16 years is gone, and the real world is thrust upon graduates without aid or care.

One way that a person can remain grounded is by staying connected to the clubs and groups he or she was a part of during college. This is especially true for those involved in Greek life.

Greek life members have many opportunities to stay connected to their chapters post-graduation. One of the simplest ways to stay connected is via Facebook. Many of the Greek organizations at LVC have specific Facebook pages dedicated to their alumni on which they share information about events and chapter growth.

"We always love connecting with alumni, hearing their stories and sharing our experiences with them," Emily Kissinger, a junior music education major and chapter president of Alpha Sigma Tau, said. "It's also really comforting to know that when we become alumni, we'll have opportunities to still be involved and be welcomed back with open arms by our sisters."

Another way that graduates can remain involved in Greek life is by joining an alumni association in the area that they settle in. This alumni group can also be a great way to meet graduates from other chapters.

Those looking to come back to campus can keep up their involvement by visiting for special events like Homecoming, formals and other organization-specific events.

More hand-on options include serving as an advisor to the chapter, serving on the organization's national council and returning to campus to assist with fundraisers and events.

Remaining connected to Greek organizations is fulfilling for both the graduates and the current LVC students.

"I like staying involved because I love seeing the active women grow and thrive because of Alpha Sigma Tau," Victoria Seader, a 2016 graduate, said.

Seader remains involved in her chapter by coming back to the Valley to help with philanthropy events and to visit her sisters.

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Modern adventurers

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Four digital communications students combined their passion of adventure and good times to build the Alpine Supply Co. brand.

Tim Harris, Baker Landon, Travis Saylor and Nick Jones have been working together since the fall as a part of their senior capstone project to create a travel backpack. The Alpine Supply Co. brand has been designed with the overall goal to create aesthetically pleasing products that are simple and durable for college-aged adventurers.

"We are extremely excited about our brand's feature product, a cooler backpack, which is ideal for keeping drinks and food cold while on the go," Harris said. "We wanted to create a high-quality cooler that has the comfort and convenience of a backpack that is perfect for trips to the beach, concerts and hikes."

The students spent hours building a prototype with the help of an expert industrial designer, Dave Longenecker, located in Lancaster County. The backpack was shown during the annual Inquiry Symposium, which was held in April. The brand will now refine any adjustments needed before taking the product to



Photo by Rachel Anderson

Kickstarter, a funding platform that can provide funds and resources for creative ideas.

"We have dedicated numerous hours to develop branding, marketing campaigns, and designing potential products," Harris said. "Our long-term goal is to host a variety of products, which includes apparel and gear that identifies with our brand's concept."

The backpack was built to be used for adventure but will also have the dual functionality to wear every day.

"We were thinking of items we could combine that peo-

ple use separately, but if they were one entity, it would decrease the load of the user," Landon said. "Then, the cooler backpack was born. We saw potential uses for the backpack as going from house to house on a crazy LVC weekend, while maintaining a comfortable drinking temperature of adult beverages."

At the Valley, all senior digital communications (digiCOM) students are required to take both the project management capstone in the fall semester and the research and development capstone in

the spring. The goal of these courses is to combine the core knowledge of digiCOM classes to plan and build a project through the collaboration of group members.

Most digiCOM capstone projects are digitally based; however, the group wanted to go beyond this expectation and build a brand that is more particular to their interest of adventure.

"We wanted to produce a fully-functioning consumer product," Landon said. "We think that being able to create a successful brand along with

the production of our backpack and merchandise really goes above-and-beyond."

The College also requires digiCOM majors to have a concentration in one of the following six fields: business technology, communications, design, programming, user experience or videography. These four seniors all have different concentrations that has enabled the group to have a broad and unique skill set to go further than just a digital project.

"We hope that LVC students, faculty and alumni can get behind our vision and realize the potential scope of Alpine Supply Company," Landon said. "We know that the knowledge the digiCOM department has provided us with, paired with the help of Dave Longenecker, Alpine Supply Company will be successful."

Alpine Supply Co. has been building their presence on social media over the spring semester. Their goal is to have followers who are familiar with the brand before they launch their finished product.

Be on the lookout for the Alpine Supply Co. Kickstarter campaign.

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Markovits completes degree in three years

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After completing his degree in three years, senior Paul Markovits is set to further his education at Delaware Law School.

Markovits is a digital communications major and a law and society minor at LVC. He chose the pairing of the two because of his interest in intellectual property law.

"I realized how communications and the law could go hand in hand," Markovits said. "People will always want to protect their trademarks, copyrights, and patents, all areas of the legal field of intellectual property that graphic designers, videographers and entrepreneurs value."

After being accepted into a handful of law schools,



Photo from Paul Markovits

which include Delaware Law School, Duquesne University School of Law, Villanova University, Charles Widger School of Law and Widener Law Commonwealth, Markovits has made a decision to attend Delaware Law School.

"I am very excited to be living in Wilmington while being taught by extremely success-

ful professors," Markovits said. "The students I have met so far are incredibly kind."

When Markovits made a decision that he wanted to further his education after LVC, he knew that completing his undergraduate degree in three years would make reaching his end goal of law school come quicker.

"It was not necessarily difficult to complete my degree in three years. It just took determination, motivation, and diligence," Markovits said. "During my summers, I was either taking over 15 credits, or completing an internship. I remember spending my vacations reading textbooks by the poolside. While this was not ideal, I continued to remind myself of the end goal I had in mind."

In addition to completing his undergraduate in three years and preparing for law school, Markovits also founded his own graphic design company, Design Cache. Markovits works with multiple clients to complete graphic design and web design services.

"As a business owner, I, not only learned how to use

my major and minor in the work setting, I also learned how to collaborate with other business owners, how to manage a budget, how to solve unfamiliar problems that do not arise in a classroom setting and how to stay positive when times get tough," Markovits said.

With Markovits' digital communications undergraduate degree, law minor and small business background, he is excited to pursue his graduate degree. After law school, Markovits hopes to work as an admiralty or intellectual property lawyer and also work part-time as a college professor. With an open mind, Markovits' future appears bright.

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Making the most of his college career

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College is a time to make the most of one's experiences and to take advantage of opportunities, which is exactly what Daniel "DT" Thompson '17 attributes to his success.

Thompson will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice after his four years at LVC.

When he enrolled in 2013, Thompson immediately became involved by joining the football team as a freshman linebacker. As opportunities arose that required more time, he decided to quit the team to focus on his academic and campus life.

"I tried to manage my time and balance between my campus life, social life and family life," Thompson said. "College is precious. We'll never get this time back. You have to make the most of it while you're able to."

Since 2014, Thompson has been personally involved in LVC events that relate to his interests. He has attended Underground dances as a DJ and bouncer, and Underground talent shows as a solo performer and poetry slams, where he presented spoken word poetry.

Thompson was also the assistant for the Office of Intercultural Affairs & Inclusive Programming and a student worker for the Student Affairs office. As a sophomore, Thompson became vice president of the American Indian Studies club and president of the sociology and criminal justice club. He also had a hand in starting the Black Student Union of which he became president in the fall of 2015.

"I felt like we needed a safe place to go with everything happening in the world," Thompson said. "It was me, Tamara Baldwin and a couple of other students. We

did a lot. Not many people get to meet a chief, but we got to meet Chief Joseph of the Massai tribe, whom we brought to campus to talk about culture and life."

In the same year, Thompson presented and co-facilitated conferences with the United Nations Global Education Conference on education and sustaining peace in the world.

He collaborated with more than ten organizations in the United States and Africa and presented international collaborative work and projects in community development, school establishment and women and girls' education and empowerment programs.

Thompson also established an annual Human Rights Day with law centers and colleges, such as Suffolk Community College in New York, to bring attention to and prevention of genocide and human rights abuses.

"I always kept my eye on

the prize," Thompson said.

As president of sociology and criminal justice club from 2014-2016, Thompson coordinated speakers from governmental, social and criminal professions to speak at LVC. He also facilitated and choreographed at LVC a live prison cell presentation with the National Religious Campaign Against Torture that was publicly recognized by Lebanon Daily News.

Last year, Thompson took the opportunity to study abroad in China; he attended classes in Mandarin and Chinese business and marketing while simultaneously holding an internship with WRZA International Real Estate.

"It was the most beautiful place," Thompson said, "The most important part was definitely going to classes."

While in China, Thompson used the opportunity to pursue his upcoming music career by hosting

personal shows and concerts and playing at events.

"I gained a lot of cultural knowledge when I was in China just by being immersed in Chinese practices and daily activities," Thompson said.

Thompson is also involved in LVC campus life as a trained Green Dot Ambassador and a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

"Through my experiences I made so many friends and connections both on campus and off campus," Thompson said.

Thompson plans to remain involved in human rights campaigns and pursue his music career. In four short years at LVC, Thompson made international connections, furthered his cultural education and made a significant mark in the campus mission to facilitate equality.

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Future firefighter

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A senior criminal justice major has decided to pursue a career as a forest firefighter in Colorado.

Kevin Masterson will be employed by the U.S. Forest Service and assigned to the Medicine Bow Routt National Forest, where he will work on a Type 6 engine.

"I just thought it would be a great adventure traveling around in a part of the country I have never been before," Masterson said. "Plus, I prefer to work outside rather than in an office."

Masterson first learned about his passion for firefighting during his sophomore year of college, but never had the opportunity to work during the summer as a firefighter because the fire season runs from May through October.

With a passion for adventure and a love for the outdoors, Masterson knew that he wanted to pursue his firefighting career in the Northern Rocky region because of its beautiful scenery.

He applied for positions in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, before accepting his position in Colorado.



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"I'm looking forward to a change in scenery," Masterson said. "The national forest I'm assigned to looks beautiful."

Masterson will be living in the town of Yampa, which is home to about 500 people and 30 minutes south of Steamboat Springs, CO.

Originally from Flagtown, N.J., Masterson will not be able to return home to visit his friends and family until the fire season is over after October.

Masterson is looking forward to where this adventure takes him, but he will also miss his experiences at LVC.

"I will miss the friends I have made over the years and all the guys on the lacrosse team," Masterson said.

Masterson begins his work as a forest firefighter on May 15 and is preparing to fly out to Colorado after the graduation ceremony.

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Many students come into their college years without a clear future in mind, but for one Lebanon Valley College student, it was a no-brainer.

Emily Sweeney, a senior political science major, is a Palmyra Area High School graduate and a Temple University transfer student. After one semester at Temple, Sweeney knew it just wasn't for her.

"There were a lot of opportunities for a political science major at Temple, but at the time I just didn't feel right there," Sweeney said. "I've been interested in politics and law since high school, and I knew I could make my own opportunities wherever I went."

Making her own opportunities is exactly what Sweeney has done. During her senior year, she has had two internships she believes that have shaped her future.

"In the fall, I interned with the Hillary Clinton campaign at the Lebanon County Democratic Headquarters in Lebanon," Sweeney said. "I canvassed, made hundreds of phone calls, helped set up

the 'Get Out The Vote' Lebanon

Political future

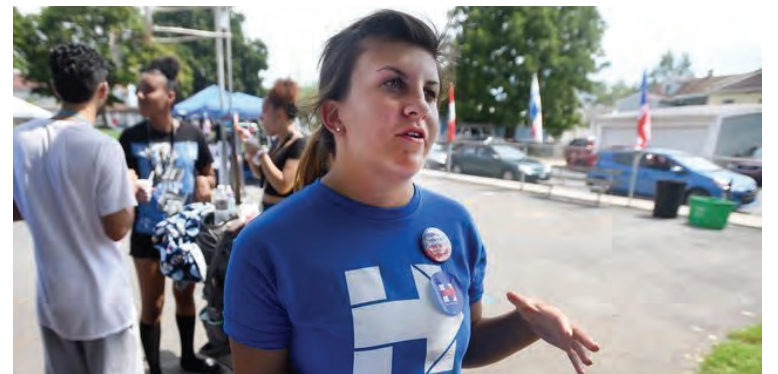


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event and met Madeline Albright, which is super cool."

During this internship, Sweeney had gained a heavy skill set she will use in her future career.

"I learned that community organizing is extremely important," Sweeney said. "A lot of people don't think government affects them and are super apathetic to the whole system, so I learned that outreach is very important to the political process."

Sweeney just completed an internship at the Harrisburg Capitol Building for Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack. This has allowed her to get a better idea of what working with the state government would be like.

"I wanted to do this internship to see how the state government functions, and

what the Lt. Governor does day to day," Sweeney said. "I've learned that state government is huge; the state provides many important services that most people don't even probably think about."

While Sweeney has enjoyed both of these opportunities, working on the Hillary Clinton campaign was what she learned the most from.

"I would love to work on a campaign again if the opportunity presents itself," Sweeney said. "Although I am also interested in social justice work—hopefully I can do it all."

As of now, Sweeney is keeping her options open, but after graduation she will either attend graduate school or law school.

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Trading trophies for awards

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From one class to the next, Michael Mango-Puglisi will soon find himself in the front of the classroom rather than among the students.

A senior history major, Puglisi has completed the requirements to fulfill a secondary teacher certification. While he is dedicated to education, Puglisi also found time to be a standout player on the baseball field. "I wanted to go to a smaller school that was not too far away from home, and I also wanted to play baseball," Puglisi said. "Both the academics and the athletic facilities were pretty impressive, and I've been fortunate to have been so successful in both areas during my time as a student at LVC."

Academic success for Puglisi had been most apparent during the annual Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education (PAMLE) conference in late February. During the conference, he was honored with the Learning to Teach and Teaching to Learn: Student Teacher of the

Year award, awarded to only a handful of students annually.

"I was really excited because I knew that it was a prestigious award," Puglisi said. "Not many people are honored, and they choose from a huge pool of nominees. It's a pretty competitive award to win, and the fact that I was only the second person ever to win from LVC made me feel very accomplished."

While at the conference, Puglisi was able to meet the first LVC award recipient to gain insight and advice.

"Receiving this award is such an honor, and it really sets you apart from other applicants," Mary Baldassarre '16, said. "The award symbolizes your passion and dedication to middle school students, and I could see that in Michael when I first met him. For me personally, it opened up so many opportunities because employers were impressed with seeing that on my resume. I know it will do the same for him."

Since receiving the award, Puglisi has been able to reflect on his student teaching opportunity and the



Photo by Roseanne Mango

reasons for his continued dedication to education.

"Student teaching was an awesome experience," Puglisi said. "I really enjoyed teaching at Palmyra Middle School and my co-op, Mr. Wilver, was very helpful. The whole experience went smoothly and I enjoyed taking control of the classroom for the first time. Student teaching with middle schoolers was a great time. They have so much positive energy, which is exciting to work with in the classroom."

After the conclusion of student teaching, Puglisi could be found focusing much of his time on McGill Field. Last season, he completed his junior career with hon-

ors of second team all-conference and ECAC All-Region. This year, he hopes to exceed those honors and finish out his college baseball career successfully.

"Baseball has taught me a lot since I first started playing," Puglisi said. "Integrity, working hard when no one's watching, time management, team work, responsibility and mental toughness have taken me a long way both on the field and in the classroom. I know how to handle things when they don't go the way I want them to and just to accept the uncontrollable."

Puglisi hopes to take all that he has learned from both his education and athlet-

ic careers to the next level.

"I had a really great student teaching experience and had an awesome time playing baseball in college," Puglisi said. "I think now I'm ready to handle any situation that life throws at me because of the skills that both taught me. My next step is to secure a teaching job, and, ideally, I'd like to take on a coaching position as well."

Until then, Puglisi has enjoyed his final semester as a student at LVC and looks forward to the summer. "I've been lucky with the opportunity that LVC has given me in my last four years," Puglisi said. "I know I'll miss lacing up my cleats, playing the game I love with my best friends and just being around the guys all of the time. That's something you just don't get back."

With his academic and athletic success, Puglisi is eager to move forward in his career, but is thankful for the experiences and opportunities that LVC has offered him.

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Managing his time

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Tim Blauch is a great example of a dedicated and hard-working student at Lebanon Valley College; Blauch carries a heavy course load in addition to several extracurricular activities.

Blauch majors in economics and accounting with a minor in business administration. Even with taking on a double major and a minor, he will graduate in four years. He has taken advantage of every opportunity that has presented itself while at LVC.

"This has been the best four years of my life, and I made lifelong friends along the way," Blauch said. "My education at LVC has allowed me to improve my organizational skills, leadership skills and my ability to improvise when things don't go according to plan."

Blauch's outstanding GPA and work in the classroom allowed him to become a member of the Business Honor So-

ciety and the National Society of Leadership and Success. He also has worked as a tutor for the College's accounting and economics departments.

In addition to his work in the classroom over the past four years, Blauch has served as a manager for the men's basketball team. Blauch raved about his experience with the team and how important it was to him.

"I can honestly say, I didn't run into a player during my four years that I didn't get along with," Blauch said. "I met so many great players, coaches, sports information directors and fans. I can't even imagine my four years at LVC without being a part of the team."

After graduation, Blauch plans to take a year off before attending law school. He plans to attain his Juris Doctor and a master's in public policy. Blauch is still unsure of which law school he will attend, but hopes to work one day on Capitol Hill.

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Foundation for success

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As a graduate of LVC, students should be prepared for success in the workforce.

Nate Dawson is a great example of a soon-to-be LVC graduate primed for success. He is an accounting major with a specific interest in financial analysis.

Dawson is currently interning with the Hershey Company. This opportunity came about when a friend, who was interning with Hershey, recommended Dawson for a similar internship position. He was able to obtain an interview and eventually was offered and accepted the position.

Throughout Dawson's internship, he has worked in a financial analysis position for the company.

"My work on a day-to-day basis typically includes a lot of analysis on different financial data like sales and waste, as well as managing a database," Dawson said. "Other work includes helping my



Photo from Nate Dawson

co-workers with anything they need such as sending money to customers, pulling raw data from Hershey's data sources and cleaning up data."

Dawson has used this internship as a learning experience to take in as much knowledge as possible. He has learned not only technical skills and workplace etiquette, but he has also learned skills that can be applied to everyday life.

"Aside from all of the technical things I have learned, I have learned that it will take a lot of hard work, dedication and persistence to be suc-

cessful in the finance world," Dawson said. "You can almost guarantee that something will go wrong every day you show up to work, and no matter how well you plan your day out it's going to turn out differently than you thought, but you just have to make the most of it and move on."

The overall experience has been extremely valuable for Dawson and his future career goals.

"This internship has given me a great base for any kind of job in financial work within a corporation," Dawson said. "It has also helped me learn how to operate within a professional workplace, which I learned can be harder than it sounds."

Dawson is still currently searching for a job, but hopes to land in a financial analysis position for Hershey or another large company.

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careers and she was still studying.

This experience has allowed Kracum to get to know the other physical therapy students on a more personal level. Kracum's favorite memory in the PT program was celebrating Thanksgiving with her fellow PT students along with their faculty members.

"We made Thanksgiving dinner, and each of us brought different dishes," Kracum said. "It was fun to spend time not only with the other students, but with the faculty as well. You have been working with them for so long; they are basically your friends too."

Looking back on her six years, Kracum encourages fourth years going into the final years of the program to study but also to enjoy the remaining time they have as LVC students.

"It went so fast," Kracum said. "Study, study a lot. When you have the opportunity to take a break and spend time with your friends, take it. It goes too quick."

After graduation, Kracum plans on studying even more; she will be taking the board exams this coming July. Kracum then hopes to work as a doctor of physical therapy in the Baltimore area.

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Career path leads here

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During the LVC women's basketball 2016-2017 campaign, Lexie Lantz joined 12 other Dutchmen to reach the 1,000 points club.

"It is a really awesome accomplishment that I am extremely proud and honored to share with 12 other incredible women's basketball players here at LVC, two of whom were my past teammates or assistant coaches," Lantz said.

As a freshman, Lantz made an immediate impact on the court, averaging 7.5 points in 17.9 minutes in the 28 games she played.

This past season Lantz averaged 11.5 points and contributed on the boards, averaging 7.7 rebounds per contest.

Lantz is no stranger to scoring. In high school, she finished with 1,300 career points and became Lampeter-Strasburg's third-leading all-time scorer.

"Scoring 1,000 points in high school was really cool, but accomplishing it at the next level is even more satisfying," the senior forward said.

Lantz explained that she began playing basketball in elementary school because she was taller than most girls her age, and becoming involved in sports kept her active and



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helped her stay healthy. However, the aspect Lantz loved most about basketball was meeting new people.

"My favorite thing about basketball is the friendships that I have made in high school, AAU, and in college," Lantz said. "Most of my best friends that I have made in college have come from the women's basketball team."

Despite the many achievements throughout her career on the court, her favorite memories include participating in the Pink Game because of the excitement of playing in

pink uniforms in a filled Sorrentino Gymnasium supporting breast cancer, traveling to Puerto Rico with the team over Christmas break and making the NCAA playoffs during her freshman year.

Lantz is convinced she won't miss the nagging injuries and sprints at practice.

Lantz will graduate with a bachelor's degree in biology; she will attend Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey for her master's and hopes to be a physician assistant.

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Admirable achievement

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Although the future looks bright for senior Jermaine McQueen, the criminal justice major will not forget where he started.

McQueen is from Philadelphia and graduated from Milton Hershey High School where he wrestled, played football, competed in track and field, drummed for the gospel choir and was in the National Honor Society.

He was also a residential assistant his senior year. Although McQueen was successful academically and athletically in high school, the adversity he faced as a child was what gave him a purpose for his future.

"Being raised by a mother that had me at the age of 16 years old with no father



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figure was extremely tough," McQueen said. "I've been told that I would never make it, that I wasn't smart enough, strong enough and good enough for any of the things that I wanted to accomplish in life and took all of that in and used it as fuel, used it as motivation to keep pushing forward every time it would feel like the

world was pushing me back."

McQueen also has three younger siblings, and he uses them as motivation and tries to be a great role model for them.

"I want to show them exactly what it takes and what it means to be successful in life," McQueen said. "I want them to know that nothing good in life automatically happens, and giving up is never an option."

At LVC, McQueen was a defensive end in football and was a thrower in track and field, where he threw at the weight, hammer and the shotput events. As much as he learned how to develop his athletics in college, McQueen believes college has done much more for him than just schoolwork and sports.

"My college experience was pretty unique and that is because over the past four

years I've had the time to have fun, grow as a person and watch myself become the man that I've been striving so hard to become through all of my hard work and perseverance," McQueen said.

McQueen has made many memories from sports, academics, and his social life at LVC. He believes that his freshman football season was his best experience at LVC, which was the season when the program won its third MAC title, giving the team an automatic bid to the Division III playoffs for college football.

"Being a part of that championship team made many fond memories that I will never forget," McQueen said. "I will never forget the leaders of that time, all of the practices we had, including the on-field competitiveness that

was displayed during each and every single practice."

As of now, McQueen is working a full-time security job with Allied Universal Security while interning with the Swatara Township Police Department in Harrisburg. He is also testing to become a candidate for the officer program in the Marine Corps.

Somewhere down the road, McQueen hopes to get the opportunity to work for a federal agency such as the FBI, Secret Service, CIA or the DEA. But until then, he will continue to be the absolute best person that he can be.

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SPORTS

Running his way into history

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Senior running back Brendon Irving, known to most people on campus by his middle name Emilio, became the Dutchmen's all-time leading rusher during the 2016 football season.

Irving finished his career with 23 rushing touchdowns and 4,012 rushing yards, becoming the only LVC player in history to eclipse the 4,000 yard mark.

"To me the accomplishment is nice but its significance is somewhat complicated," Irving said. "At times I felt like the sport consumed my life, but the award is a token of recognition for what I put into the sport."

Irving started playing flag football in first grade

and credits one man for his interest in the sport.

"I started playing because of my father who was really into sports," Irving said. "He really served as the driving force for how I became involved in sports."

Clearly statistics and career achievements set apart the All-American from running backs in the past, but Dutchmen Head Coach Joe Buehler saw other things that made Irving stand out from the rest.

"The thing with Brendon was you could feed him the ball over and over again and even though he wasn't big, his ability to avoid taking clean hits made him extremely durable," Buehler said.

Another key for Irving's success was his work ethic.

"You didn't even have to



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tell him sometimes," Buehler said. "If he would mess something up, fumble let's say, he would work on that aspect of his game until it was perfect. Brendon liked to work when nobody was watching, and

that's what the great ones do."

As a freshman, Irving saw significant time at the running back position during the Dutchmen's 2013 campaign that ended with a MAC title and NCAA tournament berth.

"One of my favorite memories in my career as a Dutchman was when I scored the game changing touchdown in my freshman year during the Delaware Valley game," Irving said. "We needed to beat Delaware Valley to secure our spot as MAC champions. This memory was also important to me because I knew I was a freshman at the time, and freshmen usually do not get a chance to play during their first year, let alone start."

Irving claims that balancing his time with academics and sports was

perhaps the most difficult thing about football, but he makes suggestions to future student-athletes at LVC.

"My suggestion to future Dutchmen is to remember what your life goals are," Irving said. "Football can be fun and also be a source of pride for some, but when it comes down to it, Division III football is a hobby and should take the backseat to your academics."

After graduation Irving plans to get his masters in biomedical sciences and hopes to become a physician in the future.

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Shibby duo

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Seniors Klayton Garman and Brett Kudlak have set multiple records during their time on the Valley's men's lacrosse team.

Garman, an economics major, joined the team in 2013. During his freshman campaign, Garman accumulated 29 points with 21 goals and collected 44 groundballs. In 2014, Garman was unable to participate in the season due to a concussion injury he received from playing on the LVC men's ice hockey team.

Coming back in 2015, Garman continued to be a force by creating 39 points with 24 goals and scooping 30 groundballs. Garman produced six points in three different outings, including five goals and one assist against Elmira College. Garman's 2015 season ended early due to a torn ACL.

"After two seasons with two injuries, I was ready to get back on the field with my teammates," Garman said. "It was great to be able to make a full return and finish the last two years healthy."

Returning from injury, Garman earned 36 points with 17 goals and collected 40



Photo by Jordan Kudlak

groundballs in 2016. He had season highs of three goals against Elmira and four assists against King's.

In his final season, Garman created 59 points with 40 goals and collected 26 groundballs. Garman set a new program single-game record for goals scored with nine during the team's game against Alvernia. More impressively, he did it without missing a shot as he finished a perfect 9-9 on his attempts.

Kudlak, a business administration major, joined the team in 2015 after playing Division II lacrosse at Mars Hill University in North Carolina. Throughout his first year with the team, Kudlak produced 37 points with 18 goals and

scooped 22 groundballs.

"Having the opportunity to come to LVC and play on the men's lacrosse team was an honor," Kudlak said. "I was happy that I could help the team immediately. Lacrosse has been a part of my life since I was 11 and life will be weird without it once I graduate."

During his second year with the team, Kudlak started and played in all 19 games for the Dutchmen. He tallied 42 points and a team high of 33 goals. Kudlak collected 27 groundballs and compiled four goals in two different outings.

Throughout his senior campaign, Kudlak produced 42 points with 24 assists and scoped 25 groundballs. He had a season high of six points against Lycoming. Kudlak also reached 100 points, in only three years, during the team's annual Cross Out Cancer game against Albright.

Garman and Kudlak often refer to themselves as the "shibby duo" because they have an unstoppable connection. In 2015, the pair earned ten points together. Again in 2016, the pair connected for 17 points.

In 2017, the shibby duo earned 27 points together. The



Photo from Brett Kudlak

pair had a season high during their game against Messiah when they scored all six points, both had three apiece.

"Shibby is a word we like that can either be a verb or noun," Kudlak said. "It describes the plays we do and the fun we have on the field."

The duo is part of twelve seniors leaving the team this year. Kudlak is leaving the team while holding records for being fifth on the team for single-season goals, third for single-season assists, third for points, third for assists and third for goals.

Garman is leaving holding records for second on the team for goals, second for assists, second for points, second for single-season goals, third for

single-season points and fifth for single-season assists.

Garman was also named 2015 All-Commonwealth Conference Honorable Mention and 2017 All-Commonwealth Conference Second-Team. Garman was also named the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Division III National Offensive Player of the week during his senior season.

After graduation, Garman will be attending Villanova for a masters in finance and Kudlak will be moving south and continuing his job search.

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